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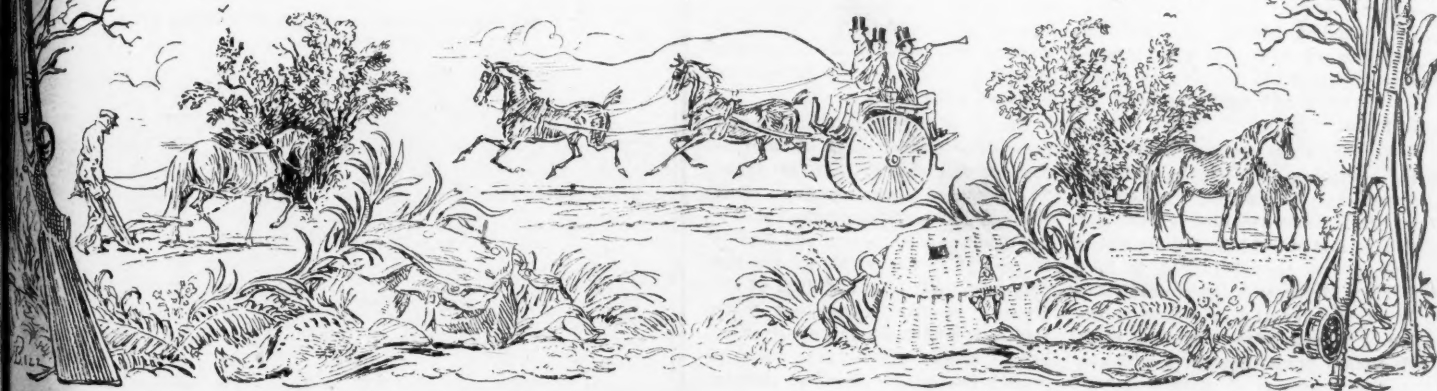
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An eighteenth century foxhunter ready for a day's sport as seen by one of the earliest of the English sporting painters. The picture is owned by Mrs. S. Lurman Stewart, Hope Farm, Monkton, Md.

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# Horse Shows

## Maryland Champions Named At Annual Banquet November 16

By Celeste Hutton

The annual banquet of the Maryland Horse Show Association was held this year at the Park Plaza Hotel in Baltimore, Maryland, Friday, November 16. It is at this time that the Maryland state championships are awarded. There was a large crowd of interested and enthusiastic spectators on hand and from where I sat it looked as though Maryland shows are still very definitely on the up grade.

Hugo R. Hoffmann, the president of the association, started the awards by presenting the Champion Hunter Trophy to Dr. and Mrs. J. Wesley Edel's grand horse Grey Simon. This horse really did himself proud getting 165 points at the 8 shows which he attended this year. This was Simon's 2nd state championship, having won the same title back in 1943. He only showed at 2 Maryland shows in the '44 season and so really wasn't up there fighting for points.

The Reserve Champion Hunter was none other than L. H. Burton's Chester. This consistent little horse did a good job all the way and went right on knocking up points until the end. Debby Cody deserves a lot of credit for the grand rides she gave the horse all season and I think everybody was happy to see Mr. Burton get in the money. Honorable mention went to George diPaola's Rose Vallant, Pat Florr's Cherry Bounce and last, but not least, Kathleen Costello's Sky Glo. I think everyone will be watching this horse's dust next season.

The champion of the jumper division was that giant of a horse Silver Horn, owned by C. Lamar Cresswell and ridden to victory by Linky Smith. This horse went higher to win honors than any horse has in several years in Maryland and really proved that he could get his eighteen hands off the ground.

Reserve jumper champion was Black Flyer, a gallant old campaigner which always gives competition a run for the money. He was ridden this year by Mike Smithwick, the youngest trainer in Maryland. Sgt. Edward Hausseler was not present to accept his horse's award but we all know how proud he must be of Flyer.

Barbara Kade went up to receive the champion pony trophy for Surprise, that outstanding 3-year-old by Mrs. James Hamilton's Jimminy Cricket and out of Miss Muffet which also at one time belonged to her. Barbara deserves a lot of credit for having broken the pony and showing it to such advantage. You can't find many ponies anywhere with the manners and way of going that Surprise has and at one time or another, she has beaten every pony in the state on conformation.

The reserve pony was Suzanne Graffam's Miss Muffit, that good off color pony. She was ridden throughout the season by her former owner, Teddy LeCarpentier who has gotten

## Henry's Dream Scores In Both Jumping Events At Pinehurst Gymkhana

By The Tarheel

Beautiful weather, brought out a record crowd for the first gymkhana of the Pinehurst winter season which was held November 25 at the Carolina Riding Ring, Pinehurst, North Carolina.

Henry's Dream, the son of St. Henry, owned and ridden by Mrs. James Mechling of Southern Pines, won both jumping events on the afternoon program. The first open jumping class for riders 19 years and under was won by Mrs. Mechling and Henry's Dream, while Hannah Walsh, giving Mrs. Mechling close competition, won both 2nd and 3rd places with Gold Star and Little Gold from Stoneybrook Stables.

In the opening jumping, Henry's Dream went nicely to garner another blue. Second went to Ann Cannon Reynold's Sail On ridden by "June Bug" Tate. "June Bug" also rode the 3rd place winner, Smokey of the State Stables.

In the open hunters, D. W. Winkelman's Renown, ridden by W. O. Moss, had a faultless performance over the tricky outside course to easily win the blue. Second place went to Hannah Walsh and Gold Star with 3rd being won by Smokey.

The rest of the program consisted of games and classes for children. Each and every class was well filled. Two newcomers to the Sandhills, Harold and James Collins, gave an exhibition with their five-gaited show ponies that have been winning in the North and South Carolina show.

The judge of the gymkhana was Mrs. Paul R. Miller of Fayetteville, North Carolina.

his share of ribbons on Muff these last few seasons past.

Howard F. Streaker went up to receive the D. Sterrett Gittings Horsemanship Trophy from Mr. Gittings, marking him the outstanding rider of the season for this state. He was followed by his runner up, little Billy Hoy, the nerviest kid on a pony in these parts. Billy looked nervous but somehow or other, Mr. and Mrs. Hoy couldn't take those grins off their faces.

Dr. S. R. Graffam then showed some color movies taken at the Gittings finals and at the Kiwanis show. The laugh of the evening came through trick photography picturing Teddy LeCarpentier and Louise Murray going backwards around the ring over their fences. A film of the Howard County Hounds at work was shown through the courtesy of Dr. J. Wesley Edel. These pictures were taken out hunting and showed the fox going away with hounds in full cry right behind, and finally the kill.

After the showing of the movies, everyone started home, keen for next season and definitely looking forward to the January business meeting of the Association.

## The Sporting Calendar

### Racing

#### OCTOBER

22-Dec. 15-California Jockey Club, Inc., Bay Meadows, San Mateo, Calif. 47 days.

#### STAKES

BAY MEADOWS 'CAP, 1 1/4 mi., all ages, Sat., Dec. 8 \$25,000 Added  
SAN JOSE 'CAP, 1 1-16 mi., all ages, Sat., Dec. 15 \$10,000 Added  
VETERANS' REHABILITATION 'CAP, 8 f., all ages, Sat., Dec. 15 \$10,000 Added

#### NOVEMBER

22-March 5-Fair Grounds Breeders & Racing Association, New Orleans, La. 75 days. Mondays dark.

#### STAKES

PELICAN 'CAP, 1 1-16 mi., all ages, Thurs., Dec. 29 \$5,000 Added  
SHREVEPORT 'CAP, 6 f., 3 & up, Sat., Jan. 12 \$5,000 Added  
BELLE GROVE 'CAP, 6 f., 3-yr.-olds, Sat., Feb. 2 \$5,000 Added  
PRIORRESS 'CAP, 1 mi. & 70 yds., 3 & up, fillies & mares, Sat., Feb. 9 \$5,000 Added  
LECOMPTRE 'CAP, 1 mi. & 70 yds., 3 & up, Sat., Feb. 16 \$5,000 Added  
NEW ORLEANS 'CAP, 1 1-16 mi., 3 & up, Sat., Feb. 23 \$25,000 Added  
LOUISIANA DERBY, 1 1/4 mi., 3-yr.-olds, Sat., March 2 \$15,000 Added

#### DECEMBER

29-Mar. 16-Los Angeles Turf Club, Inc., Santa Anita Park, Arcadia, Calif. 55 days.  
CALIFORNIA BREEDERS' CHAMPION STAKES, 1 mi., Calif.-bred 2-yr.-olds, Sat., Dec. 29 \$25,000 Added  
SAN CARLOS 'CAP, 7 f., 3 & up, Tues., Jan. 1 \$25,000 Added  
SANTA SUSANA STAKES, 6 f., 3-yr.-old fillies, Sat., Jan. 5 \$25,000 Added  
SAN PASQUAL 'CAP, 1 1-16 mi., 3 & up, Sat., Jan. 12 \$50,000 Added  
SAN FILIPE STAKES, 6 f., 3-yr.-old, colts & Geldings, Sat., Jan. 19 \$25,000 Added  
SANTA MARIA STAKES, 1 mi., 3-yr.-old fillies, Sat., Jan. 26 \$25,000 Added  
SANTA CATALINA 'CAP, 1 1-16 mi., Calif.-bred, 3 & up, Sat., Feb. 2 \$50,000 Added  
SAN VINCENTE 'CAP, 1 mi., 3-yr.-olds, Sat., Feb. 9 \$25,000 Added  
SANTA BARBARA STAKES, 7 f., 3 & up, fillies & mares, Tues., Feb. 12 \$25,000 Added  
SAN ANTONIO 'CAP, 1 1/4 mi., 3 & up, Sat., Feb. 16 \$50,000 Added  
SAN GABRIEL 'CAP, 6 f., 3 & up, Fri., Feb. 22 \$25,000 Added  
SANTA ANITA DERBY, 1 1/4 mi., 3-yr.-olds, Sat., Feb. 23 \$100,000 Added  
SANTA MARGARITA 'CAP, 1 1-16 mi., 3 & up, fillies & mares, Sat., Mar. 2 \$50,000 Added  
SANTA ANITA 'CAP, 1 1/4 mi., 3 & up, Sat., Mar. 9 \$100,000 Added  
SAN JUAN CAPISTRANO 'CAP, 1 1/4 mi., 3 & up, Sat., Mar. 16 \$50,000 Added

#### JANUARY

17-March 4-The Miami Jockey Club, Inc., Hialeah Park, Hialeah, Fla. 40 days.

#### STAKES

INAUGURAL 'CAP, 6 f., 3 & up, Thurs., Jan. 17 \$10,000 Added  
HIBISCUS, 6 f., 3-yr.-olds, Sat., Jan. 19 \$10,000 Added  
ROYAL PALM 'CAP, 1 1/4 mi., 3 & up, Wed., Jan. 23 \$10,000 Added  
PALM BEACH 'CAP, 7 f., 3 & up, Sat., Jan. 26 \$10,000 Added  
BAHAMAS 'CAP, 7 f., 3-yr.-olds, Wed., Jan. 30 \$10,000 Added  
COLUMBIANA 'CAP, 7 f., 3 & up, fillies & mares, Sat., Feb. 2 \$10,000 Added  
BOUGAINVILLEA 'CAP, 1 1-16 mi., 3 & up, Wed., Feb. 6 \$10,000 Added  
BLACK HELEN 'CAP, 1 1/4 mi., 3 & up, fillies & mares, Sat., Feb. 9 \$20,000 Added  
EVERGLADES 'CAP, 1 1/4 mi., 3-yr.-olds, Wed., Feb. 13 \$10,000 Added  
McLENNAN 'CAP, 1 1/4 mi., 3 & up, Sat., Feb. 16 \$25,000 Added  
SEMINOLE 'CAP, 7 f., 3 & up, Wed., Feb.

20 FLAMINGO, 1 1/4 mi., 3-yr.-olds, Sat., Feb. 23 \$30,000 Added  
MIAMI BEACH 'CAP, 1 1/4 mi., 3 & up, Wed., February 27 \$50,000 Added  
HIALEAH JUVENILE, 3 f., 2-yr.-olds, Mon., March 4 \$10,000 Added

#### MARCH

5-April 19-Gables Racing Association, Inc., Coral Gables, Fla. 40 days.

### Horse Shows

#### DECEMBER

14-15-Brooklyn Horse Show, Brooklyn, N. Y.  
22-Annual Christmas Horse Show, Elverta Country Club, Pacific Palisades, Calif.

#### JANUARY

5-New Year Indoor Horse Show, Darien, Conn.  
5-6-Ox Ridge Hunt Club Indoor Show.

### Hunter Trials

#### DECEMBER

16-Atlanta Hunt Club Trials, North Fulton Stables, Atlanta, Ga.

#### JANUARY

20-Barbara Worth Stables Hunter Trials, Sacramento, Calif.

#### MARCH

3-Atlanta Hunt Club Trials, North Fulton Stables, Atlanta, Ga.

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## Event Started As Paper Chase Now Grown To Cross Country Race

By Edward Dickinson

On Sunday, November 25 the Irondequoit Spur Club of Rochester, New York, held its annual paper chase that, in the club, has grown to be but a short, cross country race, lasting about twenty minutes, and most of the time in sight of the spectators that invariably turn up to see it and the some half dozen gymkhana stunts run off in a show ring immediately afterwards. This paper chase consists of racing over a course marked out by arrows drawn on card board and fixed to trees and stakes along the way rather than a real chase marked by confetti and lasting as long as a hunt. The place was Howard Schlenker's farm.

The course started on a hill slanting northward and ran from the starting line about 250 yards between a snow fence and a line of brush that edged a wagon trail. Then the trail swung sharply to the west along the edge of a ploughed field. After 500 feet or so the trail turned north, over a small ditch and over a pasture whose grass was dull and brown in late November. Beyond this pasture the trail ran east, north, and made a big circle around a woods before heading back to the starting point. Off to the west some green houses stretched and their glass reflected the autumn sun which strove valiantly to shine through heavy, snowy, cold clouds.

Mike Magde's entry, \*Royal Flush by Moll, brought from Canada five years before by Russell W. Sondheim, was by far the best looking horse in the field, and the winner by actual performance; but the judges set this fine mare, which foaled last spring, to 2nd place as her owner-rider had gotten off the course; and gave 1st to Ed Siebert, home from service and out of the army for keeps, who backed a non-descript, seemingly cold blooded gelding under a Mexican saddle. Eugene Oeschger rode in 3rd, and Evelyn Frasch on a grey had the 4th. Out on the course Buddy Briggs was seen to take a spill.

At the start Royal Flush went to 2nd place, almost immediately, and kept this for a long time; then as the footing became rough her rider held her down and took things pretty easily till the home stretch was reached. Then Magde let her out and in the final 300 or 400 yards she easily passed every contestant and came in a good length of her nearest rival.

The Irondequoit Spur Club owes its beginning to a paper chase some seven years ago when after such a ride on a Thanksgiving morning someone remarked, "Why don't we organize and do things like this more often?" From that has grown up one of western New York's top riding clubs and while the Thanksgiving Paper Chase has changed materially in mechanics and from the holiday to the Sunday afterwards, it is traditional and rouses worlds of memories. Two years ago it was run in a heavy, wet snow; and I have experienced infinite cold, rain, and dampness on these instances. Harold Page was this year's general chairman, assisted by Norman Hatfield, Mrs. Edwin Kesel, Donald Hallauer, Frank E. Plante, Henry Kraus, Mrs. Elmer Ryan, Mrs. Charles Lee.

Gymkhana events were: Potato

## Ribbons Well Divided At 52nd Annual Fall Cleveland Horse Show

By Margot Harris

Cleveland, Ohio again was host to the horse world as the 52nd annual Fall Horse Show was held at the Cavalry Armory on November 9, 10 and 11. This inside auditorium was packed every night and mid-afternoon performance with young and old enthusiasts who were proud that horses had survived these last few years without any damage to this fine sport.

Alex Calvert from Warrenton, Virginia ably judged this first post war show while Mrs. Gilbert Humphrey of Chagrin Falls, Ohio picked the winners in horsemanship. I am sure everyone will agree that these two competent authorities did a fine job on a difficult task, especially since the classes were so large.

The champion of the Senior division was declared Patron. This fine old grey, owned by Mrs. Gregory S. McIntosh and ridden so well by her daughter, Molly, went consistently throughout the entire 3 days to win 2 blues in working hunter and corinthian.

Crispin Oglebay's Holystone, Shirley O'Brien up, placed a close reserve champion. He out hacked the rest of the Senior division for 1st 'n hunter hack and with Patron as his mate, won the jumping pair class.

Kathleen N., Mrs. E. B. Laundon's reliable bay mare just arrived from a year in Virginia. She proved that she was better than ever by winning the blue in ladies' hunters over 30 horses and placing 3rd in the championship.

The green hunter blue ribbon winner was Charlatan, owned by Betty Bernet and ridden by Louis Collister. This young bay also won reds in hunter hack and corinthian plus 4th in the championship.

Although it is interesting to see the Senior division with their perfectly trained horses perform, there is a certain thrill in seeing the younger members on ponies taking jumps twice their height. These children's classes, as usual, were well filled with the average jumping event having 25 contestants. Little 12-year-old Kay Johnson riding her chestnut Victory Girl won the tri-color in the Junior division. This mare won firsts in both the working hunter and green hunter, while she received ribbons in hunter hack and touch and out.

Jane Zettelmeyer's Dixie Way was half a point behind to win reserve ribbon. Dixie Way won the blue in teams with Monmouth Boy and Ink, and in conformation hunter. She had

Race won by Lloyd Nolan. Bag Race won by Dale Loupe. Musical Stalls won by Bill Christ. Quarter Mile Flat Race for Western Horses won by Eugene Oeschger.

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The horse which stacked up the 3rd highest number of points was Monmouth Boy, a grey owned by Elizabeth Easily. He won ribbons in green and hunter hack classes, conformation, touch and out and working hunter hunter, plus the blue in teams.

Fourth place in the championship went to Circle Surprise owned by Joan McIntosh. This little fellow won the blue in the 3'-0" division of conformation hunter with a clean performance, and also in the Junior hunter hack.

Other horses which went consistently well were Promise with Cynthia Arthur up; Steele Lance owned by the writer; Apple of Blarney owned by Mrs. C. E. Sullivan and ridden by her granddaughter, Molly McIntosh, and Belma owned by Barbara Engel. All these horses took home their share of prizes.

Probably one of the most exciting classes came in the jumper division, in which Tiny Tim won championship and his stablemate, Happy Landing, reserve. This was the 5'-0" class. The jumps started at this height. The course consisted of one jump on each side of the arena each of which was taken twice. The two winners of this event belong to Sterling Smith. Other horses which won participating in open

jump classes were Wayward Sun owned by Daniel P. Lenehan and Henemini owned by Howard L. Reynolds.

This show was lots of fun for both spectators and contestants because the ribbons were so well divided among the numerous entries. Even up to the last few minutes before the champions were pinned, the winners were unknown. Much praise should go to George Carter and Robert T. Lavery for running this show and to the committee for helping the performances to go off so smoothly.

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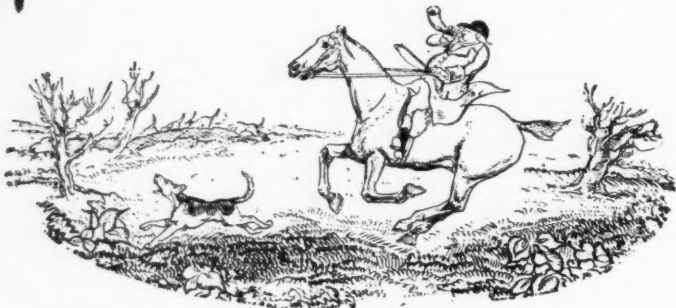
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# Hunting



## Sedgefield Hunt

Greensboro, N. C.  
Established 1927  
Recognized 1941

Joint-Masters: Earl N. Phillips, T. V. Rochelle.  
Hounds: American.  
Hunting: Fox.  
Colors: Iron gray, burnt orange collar and vest.

The meet on October 20 was at Adams' Farm at 8:00 a. m., with the weather warm and dry. In the absence of Joint-Master Rochelle, Colonel Nathan Ayers acted as Joint-Master with Earl N. Phillips.

The cast was on the north side of Adams' lake. Hounds were picked up and moved to the Armstrong property which is southwest of the Adams' farm. They promptly picked up a line and trailed a fox almost to Jamestown, which is just 5 miles east of High Point. Here the line became stronger and the fox turned and headed back for Adams'. A hard run of 45 minutes ensued with the heat forcing a check at the Adams' stable. Here a part of the field dropped out and Huntsman Thomas was compelled to change his mount. This gave the fox and hounds quite a lead, but they ran directly east to the Boren property where the fox went to earth in a favorite culvert. As it was after 11:00 and the horses were pretty well worn, hounds were picked up and returned to the kennel.

Later that afternoon, a farmer on the Armstrong property reported that during the afternoon he saw an old red dog fox loping back toward Jamestown, looking as though he did not have a care in the world. Possibly the heat did not effect him as much as it did the horses and he was out looking for more excitement!

On Saturday, October 27, the meet was again at Sedgefield Stables and there was some dozen on hand. In the absence of Joint-Master Phillips, Colonel Nathan Ayers was invited to act in that capacity.

The cast was southwest of the stables without results. Hounds were lifted and re-cast about a mile southwest in the Jack Burris property. This property runs down to a creek and the going is pretty rough. Hounds worked for some 30 or 40 minutes but the fox was evidently a gray who was taking his time. He twisted and turned back and forth across the creek. Between mud and heavy brush, the going was continually rough and some of the members, who became weary of dodging brush and boughs, decided to hill top from an adjacent road.

Hounds were having difficulty but worked faithfully. This kept up for probably 2 hours and finally the fox went west down the creek and crossed the road running north of the Wiley property. Hounds were

## Beaufort Hunt

Harrisburg, Penna.  
Established 1929  
Recognized 1934

Master: Ehrman B. Mitchell.  
Hounds: American and Cross-bred.  
Hunting: Fox and drag.  
Colors: Blue, buff trimmings.

Thanksgiving Day, November 22, dawned clear, cold and beautiful. The Beaufort Hunt met at 10.30 A. M. Before the hunt got underway, Mr. Ross R. Rhoads was host to some two hundred members, friends and guests at a very pleasant egg nog party at his home.

At 11 o'clock, Mr. Otis R. Dodson, honorary huntsman, cast hounds in a field north of Mr. Rhoads' house. Fifty five members and guests made up the field.

Hounds found east of Col. Dan Mallan's stables and broke into full cry, working north toward the mountains. Upon reaching Mr. Mitchell's Hillcrest Farm, they checked and picked up the scent again in the east orchards. Hounds moved eastward past Rockefeller's and Bogars and crossing several fields came to the Gorman School House.

The scent took them south and at the Grace Game Farms they turned east for a run of several miles. Then they turned north and crossed over the farm of General Edgar Clewell. Hounds arrived at the hill north of here.

Forty members and friends finished the hunt and hounds were out about two hours.

Following the hunt, Mr. Ehrman B. Mitchell, M. F. H., and Mrs. Mitchell entertained at a delightful hunt breakfast for members and friends at Beaufort Lodge.—C. M. T.

giving considerable tongue and it was full tilt down the gold mine road to the south, and west on the county road which runs into a north-south county road. Here, the turn was south as the fox again took to the creek banks. This terrain is so tough that horses simply can't traverse it. The day was a hot one, and the horses had just about all that horses should have in the intense heat. The fox and hounds had again gone to Deep River and into another county. Acting Master Ayers, who had taken over when Joint-Master Rochelle was compelled to pull out sometime before because of having to leave town, decided that the sensible thing to do was to take the horses in before they became completely exhausted, so it was called a day.

One of the unusual things about the hunt was the fact that not a single panel was encountered during the 3 1-2 hours' hunt. Of course, a gray fox and a creek were the explanation.—T. V. R.

## Arapahoe Hunt

Littleton, Colorado  
Established 1929  
Recognized 1934

Master: Major Lawrence C. Phipps, Jr.  
Hounds: English.  
Hunting: Fox and coyote.  
Colors: Scarlet.

Thursday, November 1st was a windy day and hounds were cast in the brush covered country east and south of kennels. We were heading through the Dawson Investment when a coyote popped out of a draw just in front of us. He ran southeast where the going is extremely rough with very thick scrub oak covering the hillsides, but somehow we scrambled through it up hill and downhill. We finally went right up the side of Johnson's mountain and through the backyard of the "Castle", a large mansion feudally perched on top of the cliff. It was impossible to ride straight down the rocks as the coyote ran, and we had to circle the Castle until we came to an opening. Hounds soon found the line again at the bottom and we had a fast open gallop as far as the Buffalo Fence.

On the fourth we worked into the Pollack and north, and were crossing the fields spotted with yucca plants when one yucca bush got up and moved away. Hounds ran by sight, the coyote was so close to them and we had a very fast run across the fields. It looked like the first kill of the season when hounds checked and clustered together just over the hill, but inspection showed only a large den into which the coyote had gone to ground.

We continued hunting; a coyote had been seen running along the fence a few minutes before but evidently the scent was poor for hounds showed little interest. We continued east however and after a few minutes the coyote showed up ahead of us. Hounds ran the line into the Tower, swung west back into the Pollack and completed a large circle before the end of the morning. But the excitement was not over and the hack home proved almost disastrous. As we were lighting cigarettes, a matchhead flew off into the dry grass. It caught immediately and by the time the riders were off their horses the flames had spread. Frantically we tore off saddle blankets and coats but to no avail. A light wind fanned the flames and it looked for a few terrible moments as if the whole winter pasture would burn. And then as suddenly as it started the wind changed the fire was out without having done any noticeable damage. No more smoking in this field—at least not

until we have some moisture.

Thursday the 8th was extremely cold, perhaps the more noticeable for being the first cold of this winter. There was 6 inches of snow on the ground and only a small field turned out. Late in the afternoon a coyote was found in the Hole. Hounds ran him into the South Ranch, down the Piney Ridge and right into a herd of deer. Here they checked so we picked them up and took them past the deer, but they didn't find and as it was nearly dark we came in.

On the 17th hounds were cast east. Three coyotes were tally-hoed on the Anticline and hounds followed the right hand line. Swung south over the hill and into the Hole and back all the way around. Over the Anticline again and into the Hole. Here they checked but found going south. The scent was spotty, the going rough but we had a good run out north beyond the Anticline and back again.

A week later we met at the Kloeppers Wildcat Ranch. It was a lovely warm day and a large field besides many guests following in cars turned out. Hounds were put into cover across Wild Cat Road in the East Ranch and just past the Buffalo Enclosure found. We had one short-lived fast gallop when hounds abruptly checked. There were cattle just in front of them and two large deep draws to the side. Although we cast wide we never found again and the coyote must have run straight in back of us to the Buffalo fence. We felt considerably cheated, especially since we are all spoiled this year by good runs despite rather adverse scenting conditions. It was most disappointing in view of the large field out, but hardly to be unexpected with the warmth and dryness of this fall's weather. The hospitality and cheer found later at the Kloeppers breakfast made up a great deal for the uneventfulness of the hunt.

—H. C. N.

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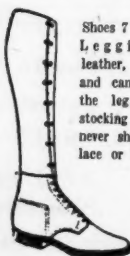
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## Frankstown Hunt

Altoona, Pennsylvania  
Established 1933  
Recognized 1938

Master: Fred A. Stormer.  
Hounds: English and cross-bred.  
Hunting: Drag and fox.  
Colors: Scarlet, yellow collar.

Thoughts Out Hunting: The sunken road between the in and the out on Cross Keys recalls the account of the sunken road into which Napoleon's Cavalry piled and merrily lost the Battle of Waterloo.... Speaking only of the sunken road, you understand, not the pile of men and horses—get that right—absolutely no other connection.... Do you ever get to thinking that each stick and stone and blade of grass you ride over belongs to you personally, like your ears.... M. F. H. Stormer has a good solid back to rest your eyes against as you roll along.... Mr. George Gable's, too.... Larger Fields and more Pink aren't so hard to take either.... The dead leaves of the pin-oak rustle a tremulous hello in the cold breeze, the beeches now the color of the tweed you one day hope to own.... For a man who doesn't feel so well, Mr. Paul Vipond can stand a lot of roughin' up.... Will someone smarter than we ever hope to be, kindly state what is meant by "name not available", especially when it refers to Mr. Dick Crouse's good mare Brandonia, that won the Owners Up Class in the Altoona Show last Labor Day.... Lt. Dick Shafer home from Europe galloping with his father, Dr. John Shafer, looks better then ever.... If alternate raining and freezing keep on, we may get Scotch Valley hunted by this time next year.... How would pipe tobacco, whiskey and horse sweat do as an after-shave scent for men.... Can't think of old Talbot Hound without a little throat-tightening—he sleeps snug'y now in the warm earth, his truiness living on in fourteen of our twenty-three puppies.... Impossible to view a Hunting Field without thinking the whole thing posed.... Bucky Crouse at the last moment borrowing the stableman's blue jeans to place in the Ladies' Fall Show at The Franks-town-regular girl with a regular husband and a regular daughter—bet they know some regular people, too—Skip Hughes, maybe, of Washington, D. C.... Everytime you invite some hunt to hunt with you, are scenting conditions lousy, or do the hounds act up in some other way, just when you're trying to show off.... Constants: Mr. E. C. Bothwell's dignity, Dr. Glover's cynicism, Helen Stormer's good humor, Mr. George Gable's tact.... The one and only time the one and only girl is not a major part of life—when you're out hunting—right?.... Mr. Harold March home again, hurray, but where's your horse.... That larruping run over the nine fences in Vipond's Wood and through the Blue Juanita—ah me... Mr. Ned Maloy's new chestnut Placid Joe a dream of a hunter—hope to give him a proper ride one day.... The hounds snarl contentedly when they're re-kenned. So do the Hunting folk in the warm grill at The Frankstown. —G. E. S.

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## Middleburg Hunt

Middleburg, Virginia  
Established 1906  
Recognized 1908

Joint Masters: Miss Charlotte H. Noland,  
Mr. Daniel C. Sands.  
Hounds: American.  
Hunting: Fox.  
Colors: Scarlet, apple-green collar.

Thanksgiving Day warm and sparkling. Hounds met at Foxcroft at 10 a. m. School girls with trays of chrysanthemums, yellow and white, walked among the horses, a pin and a flower to each rider, yellow or white. Top hats and scarlet.

Hounds moved off, a hundred strong at their backs. By Stage House they jogged across Benton Farm, and on to a field of Warburg's, then crossed the road and moved through the field by Bidstrup and drew on the Whitfields over Kennedy farm. Mr. Sands on his chestnut and Miss Charlotte on her grey and the field in 3 sections, the Foxcroft girls riding last. Hounds drew through Connor's, crossed the creek at Berryman's Crossing and drew on to the back of Bald Hill.

There the field viewed a big red fox. And like a shadow, he went into the woods, and hounds let loose. He doubled back and in a hurry loped toward Featherbed Farm to take refuge on the Freds' farm in a stack of baled hay where hounds swarmed like bees. Horses and hounds moved off on their separate ways. And the field bid the Master good day.

On Saturday, November 24 at 10 a. m. hounds met at the Middleburg school yard. Mrs. R. P. Kirkpatrick and her guest from Venezuela, Mrs. Behrens, had only to step out the stable door. Sixty-nine in the field, trotting and walking around the yard. Huntsman Maddox held hounds off to the side, flanked by the whippers-in, Fred Embrey and Nick Nichols. Phil Connors the new hunt secretary was out on Connie's chestnut mare, Bill Hulbert and a modest part of his family, Billy, Mrs. Howard Kay and Elizabeth, A. A. S. Davy, Mary and their guest, Sunny Newton, Peggy and Jamie McCormick, Turner Wiltshire, Mrs. George Metcalf, here for 3 weeks, on her grey mare, Barry Hall, Jim Skinner, Nannie and Rogers Fred, the Miller brothers from Leesburg way, Jane Baldwin, Colonel Alex Patterson, Theresa Shook, Frank Shaffer on that tremendous brown horse, Mrs. Holgar Bidstrup, W. H. Whitfield, Duncan Reed and daughters, Pamela and Caroline, Mrs. William Munhall on the inestimable "Josey", Mrs. C. O. Iselin, Mrs. Newell J. Ward, Jr., W. C. Selpp, Freddie Warburg on Charlie, which carried the Master last season, Alex Calvert and D. O. Furr, Jr.

Mr. Sands, on Pothouse, gave his nod and hounds moved off down the road and across Belray to Wolver Hill. Hounds were to be taken around the Iselin's house and swimming pool in hopes of picking up the line of a visiting fox and the whole field prepared to follow—upon the lawn—to Mrs. Iselin's dismay. Huntsman Maddox took them on foot but without success. He then moved on and drew across Duffey's and across Wyatt's to Sunny Bank. On Wyatt's lane below the house we were riding with Bill Hulbert and Mrs. Munhall who complained about the unsociability of "Josey".

"That is not my trouble", said Bill, "I have had three people ask me the fee this morning." Then on to Mrs. Metcalf's where the by-standers viewed a red going across the road. Huntsman Maddox put hounds on to the line. The field picked up their reins and pushed down their hats and breezed along for 30 minutes to Johnson Russell's and back again to Metcalf's woods where the line was lost. Someone viewed a grey which was turned by a bird shooter and Mr. Sands was unable to blow his whistle, excitement, we think. Hounds were cast on Jim Skinner's farm and there the Master called it a day. Most of the field agreed with him, leaving Mrs. Bidstrup with hounds and the Foxcroft girls and together they found and ran him with glee, without benefit of grown-ups.

JWB

## Pickering Hunt

Williams Corner, Pa.  
Established 1911  
Recognized 1911

Master: William J. Clothier.  
Hounds: American.  
Hunting: Fox.  
Colors: Scarlet or Oxford gray.

The Pickering Hunt met at the Valley Forge General Hospital, Pennsylvania in pink on November 14 and rode through the hospital grounds for the benefit of the patients. William J. Clothier, Master, led the score of huntsmen who were met by Brigadier General W. W. Vaughan, commanding general of the hospital and others who joined the ranks of the hunters for the parade through the hospital area. This is the first time since the outbreak of the war that Pickering has turned out in pink.

## Goldens Bridge Hounds

Brewster, N. Y.  
Established 1924  
Recognized 1925

Master: R. Laurence Parish.  
Hounds: American.  
Hunting: Fox.  
Colors: Scarlet, black collar.

Tuesday, November 20th:

Zounds! The kind of day all fox hunters dread, as it had rained very hard during the night and cleared off about daybreak with a cold wind blowing. Hounds met at Star Ridge Farm and we drew all the coverts around Star Ridge blank, then crossed Peach Lake Road and drew the swamp on the former B. O. Nichols farm. Hounds began to feather on an old line on a rocky ledge in the woodland back of Vail's Golf Course, some of the hounds speaking on same as we worked over Arthur Vail's. At this time a large doe galloped away to the East but hounds

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## Thoroughbreds

By Salvator

### Pimlico's Doping Episode Taints Previous Records; Jerry Giesler Case Cited

Never before has a "regular" racing season come to a close in the east under such disagreeable—to use a mild term—circumstances as that of 1945, which saw the curtain formally dropped at Pimlico on Friday of last week, November 30.

That day, together with the Saturday of the previous week, had been expected to produce two of the "banner days" of the late fall season. But each turned out a dismal and inclement one, the weather being cold, bleak and stormful, the track in horrible condition and the attendance not much more than 50 per cent of what had been hoped for.

Conditions considered, the racing, if anything but good entertainment—the reverse being impossible under the circumstances that prevailed—was unusually true to form in the feature events. For Star Pilot took the Pimlico Futurity, his high-priced (\$46,000 as a yearling) stable companion Colony Boy the Walden Stakes—these being the most important two-year-old fixtures of the meeting—while the indomitable Stymie carried off both the \$25,000 handicaps, the Riggs and the Pimlico Cup.

However, the atmosphere, aside from the "warfare of the elements" that marked it, was otherwise most unpleasant—again to use a mild term.

The situation precipitated by the so-called "anti-doping" crusade of Commissioner Mahoney may be said to have been unprecedented; as, according to all reports, were his methods of procedure.

The latter were handled "without gloves" by The Chronicle editorially in last week's issue and call for no further analysis here, or summing-up—aside from the fact that the N. Y. State Racing Commission, already itself under heavy fire re the now-notorious Tom Smith case, has walked out on its brotherly organization of Maryland and in, a publicly issued statement, has flatly refused to co-operate with it any longer on account of the grossly improper manner in which the Maryland saliva tests were being conducted.

This alone "speaks volumes" not only for the validity of the latter—but whole Carnegie libraries thereof—it co-ordinates to the proverbial "T" with the charges made editorially by The Chronicle and leaves Commissioner Mahoney and his fellow-officials, who have given him a free hand in his extraordinary actions, with a lot of explaining to do. That, to say the least.

In a way these actions remind one

of those perpetrated in California a few seasons ago, when the Chairman of the State Horse Racing Board, Jerry Giesler, came before the public with an "act" of which Mr. Mahoney's is quite a close parallel.

He caused the penalization of a large group of the most prominent owners of horses then racing at Santa Anita for the alleged "doping" of their horses, dragged them and their good names through the mire in the most sensational and flagrantly unwarranted manner, thereby administering to the sport a "black eye" of the blackest hue—and then, when the case came up for trial, produced nothing but the most trivial evidence with which to sustain his accusations, which were quashed in summary fashion by the tribunal before which they were heard.

Giesler was—and is—a "super-sensational" criminal lawyer, noted for his connection with a series of lurid trials in which Hollywood and other "celebrities" have been prominent figures; his success in "getting them by" being the basis of his reputation.

He was appointed to the State Horse Racing Board by a "reform" Governor of the Golden State with a deep-seated grudge against racing and aside from the "affaire" above-mentioned, staged several others equally malodorous, among them being the memorable stable-employees' "strike" upon one of the biggest days of a Santa Anita meeting, when an immense crowd had gathered there, attracted largely by the fact that a life-size bronze statue of the renowned Seabiscuit was to be unveiled.

Through his machinations the en-

### By Jimminy Arrives At North Wales Stud In Warrenton, Virginia

News of Col. E. R. Bradley's Idle Hour Farm-breds always is interesting and the latest is the arrival of By Jimminy to North Wales Stud in Warrenton, Virginia.

Pending final arrangements, the new owners and stud fee of By Jimminy will be announced later.

By \*Pharamond II—Buginarug, by Blue Larkspur, By Jimminy is a brown horse foaled February 7, 1941. In 1944 he was the leading 3-year-old colt and accounted for the Kilmarnock Handicap, Shevlin, Dwyer and Travers Stakes, American Derby and Lawrence Realization, earning \$162,635.

In his 2-year-old season, he won the Grand Union Hotel Stakes and was purchased soon after this by the Alfred P. Parkers.

During his two years of racing, By Jimminy, in 21 outings, won 9 races, placed in 4 and finished 3rd in 3, accounting for \$181,120.

At North Wales he joins Head Play, \*Chrysler II, \*Hyperionion and Ramillies at stud.

tire day's program had to be declared off and the vast assemblage of people that had gathered at the park dismissed and their gate-fees refunded.

The entire procedure was one of the most wanton and unpardonable ever to occur in turf annals. The indignation which it, and the alleged anti-doping crusade aroused ran high and not long after their instigator, Giesler, disappeared from the racing scene—to bob up as the defender of a noted "movie" star in one of the most malodorous trials of the many that have stained the law-courts of California since "the pictures" took their strangle hold of the state.

Whether Commissioner Mahoney of Maryland has been taking leaves out of the book of ex-Commissioner Giesler of California may be assumed or not, at the reader's discretion. But it would seem that if racing is to return to an even keel in Maryland, the termination of his connection with it would call for a finale similar to that which marked the exit of Giesler from the stage.

### Undeclared Bahram To Leave For Argentine To Stand At Stud

The dailies have already released the news but the sale had not been confirmed as of December 4 of the sale of \*Bahram. Acting as agent for a group of South Americans, Charles Lund of Buenos Aires, Argentine bought the 13-year-old brown horse by Blandford—Friar's Daughter, by Friar Marcus for a reported \$130,000.

Purchased by a syndicate composed of W. P. Chrysler, Jr., S. W. Labrot, Jr., Alfred G. Vanderbilt, and James Cox Brady, Jr., \*Bahram was imported to this country and his first American get raced in 1944.

Bred by the Aga Khan, \*Bahram was unbeaten, winning 9 races and purses totalling \$172,344. At 2 he won National Breeders' Produce Stakes, Ronus Memorial Stakes, Gimcrack Stakes, Boscawen Post Stakes and Middle Park Stakes. The next year he accounted for the Two Thousand Guineas, St. James' Palace Stakes, English Derby, and St. Leger Stakes. He was placed at the top of the Free Handicap at 2 and again at 3, and was the best of his year.

Formerly standing at Sagamore, Glyndon, Maryland, \*Bahram was later brought to North Wales Stud, Warrenton, Virginia. He was sent back to Sagamore this Fall.

Since entering the stud, he has sired 18 stake winners and was England's 2nd leading sire in 1940. His last crop there produced 5 stakes winners. Two-year-old winners of 1945 in this country include Stud Poker, Hamull and Menu.

## Breeding Notes

The British thoroughbred, Dhotti, bred by the Aga Khan, heads the list of sires in Australia. Formerly owned by the Duke of Kent, to whom the Aga Khan presented him, he is now owned by Edward Underwood and is standing at his Aarlabey Stud. Dhotti sired the best 3-year-old miler, Royal Gem, in that country. Standing at \$680, he is a chestnut horse, by Dastur—Tricky Aunt. His fee may go up to \$1,700—equalling the top fee of Herold.

Golden Souvenir won the New Zealand Cup on Saturday, November 24, in a field of 19. In another race, the filly, Blue Trout, by Robin Goodfellow, set a new 5 furlong Australian record covering the distance in .57 4-5. The American record, made by Miss Star in 1922, is .57 2-5 and the world's record, held by Pan Zareta at Juarez, Mexico, back in the middle ages in 1915 still stands at .57 1-5.

Dr. W. Wickes of Maryland bred the chestnut mare, Wickcliffe Gal, by Tedious. She won in a close finish the opening race at Pimlico on Monday, November 26. The 2nd race went to D. Howe's Sweetena, bred by the Howe Stable of New York. Mrs. H. T. Archibald, The Plains, Virginia, bred Twotimer the winner of the 3rd race. The same day at Oaklawn Park, A. and R. Craig's Alumont, bred by William duPont, Jr., of Delaware, won the 8th race.

Mrs. John Hertz's Count Speed has been retired because of injuries sustained while running in the Pimlico Futurity. According to Trainer Don Cameron, he pulled a muscle in his hind leg. Prior to the Futurity, he had won his last 4 races.

According to the Daily Racing Form, Stanley Lipiec seems certain to become America's leading trainer this year. He trains for Mrs. Lottie Wolf of Detroit. Speaking of trainers, a very noted one, R. C. Dawson, England, now 80 years old, has retired. He won his first big victory with Drogheda in the Grand National Steeplechase in 1898. He trained 3 winners of the Epsom Derby, Fifinella, 1916; Trigo, 1929; and Blenheim, 1930. He won the St. Leger twice, and the Oaks twice. He won the Two Thousand Guineas in 1924 with Diophon. He saddled almost 2,000 winners and he brought, for about \$3,100, Blandford, which became one of the leading thoroughbred stallions of the century, the sire of Windsor Lad, Blenheim, Trigo, and Bahram.

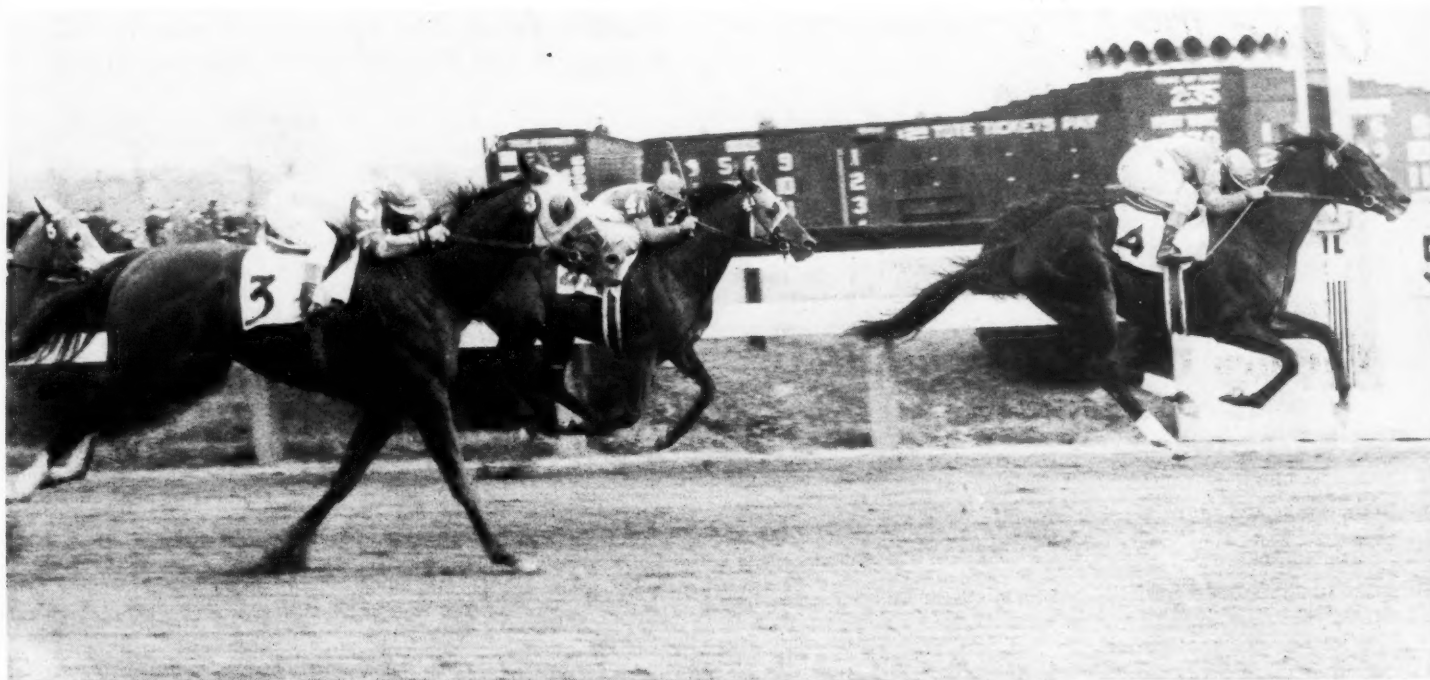
On Tuesday, the winner of the first race at Pimlico, Escobar, by Bud Lerner, was bred by William Elder. A Maryland-bred, too, won the last race, Rough Feathers, bred and trained by J. Y. Christmas, Jr.

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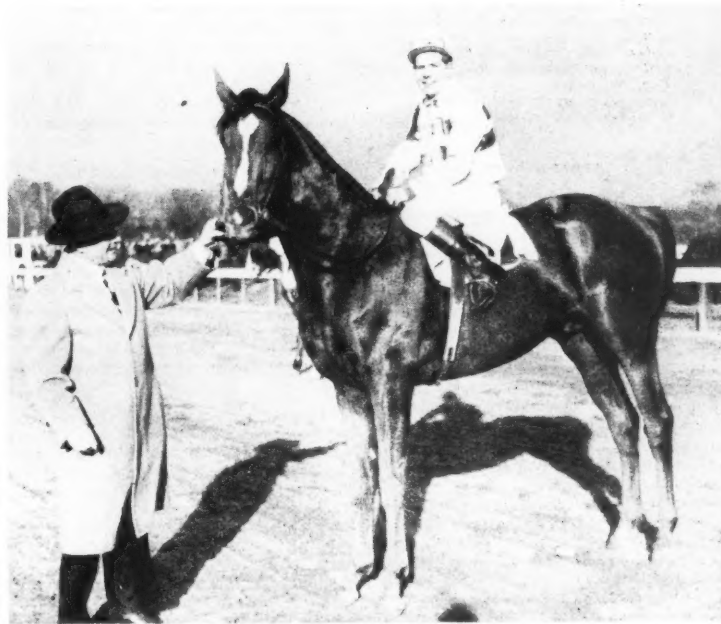
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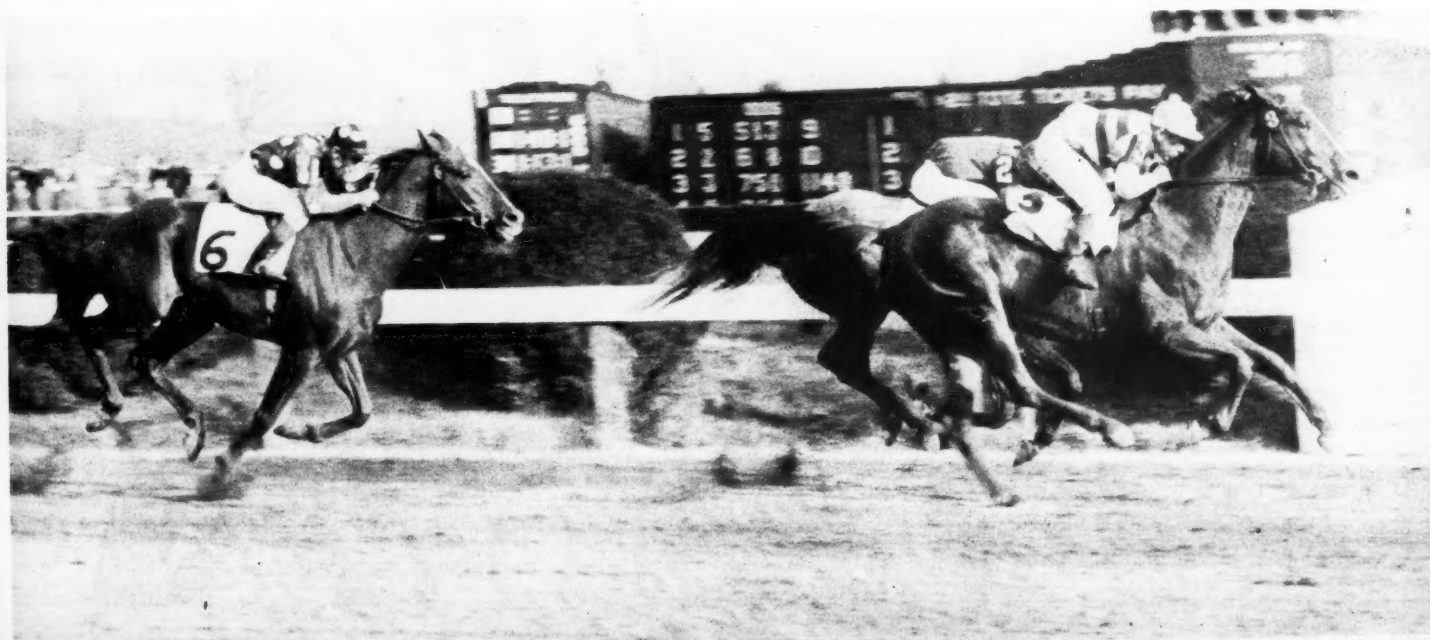
A bang-up day for race goers was held at Pimlico Race Track on November 24, the day of the running of the Pimlico Futurity and the Riggs Handicap. The finish of the Futurity put Maine Chance Farm's Star Pilot on top ahead of Bomar Stable's Billy Bumps, with Star Pilot's stablemate, Colony Boy, 3rd.



Jockey A. Kirkland and Star Pilot in the winner's circle.

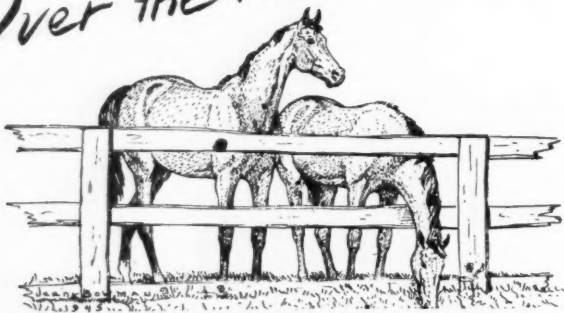


Jockey R. Permane and Mrs. E. D. Jacobs' Stymlie, the winning combination.



Running in true Stymlie style, the winner of the running of the Riggs Handicap came up to win by a nose in front of Mrs. E. Mulrenan's grey First Fiddle. In 3rd place was M. Wexler's British Buddy.

## Over the Pasture Fence



### Factors In Judging Stallion Prospects

American buyers of thoroughbreds are, for the moment, in a singularly undiscriminating mood. At the recent Keeneland Sales almost anything sold well, regardless of its racing credentials. At one point in the proceedings a mare was led into the ring. She was catalogued as having a foal at foot, to be sold as a separate lot. However, it was announced that the foal had died that morning. "Well," observed Joe Palmer, "the way things are going around here they might just as well have brought it in anyway."

For those who are particular about the sires they breed to, however, we offer the following extracts from a privately printed brochure, recently issued by that profound student of blood lines, Abram S. Hewitt, in advertising the services of the young stallion "Some Chance", now owned jointly with Arthur B. Hancock. They seem to us to contain as much hard sense as all the tomes written on the subject put together.

Stallion registers, past and present, covering more than fifty years show beyond dispute that out of every hundred stallions tried at stud, only a handful achieve success. Perhaps an explanation of so many failures at stud is to be found in the fact that very few horses possess all or even a majority of the favorable characteristics listed under separate points below. A review of the annual table of Stake Winners published by The Blood Horse shows that there is not one stake winner in five hundred possessing all these points. In proportion as these favorable characteristics are absent from the make-up of a horse, his prospects at stud grow less.

A good deal can be predicted with a fair degree of accuracy as to the probable stud success or failure of many stallions. The breeder's problem with unproved stallions is to select those whose chances of success are as high as possible and whose chances of failure are as low as possible. The points outlined below are based upon a study of over 500 stallions in the U. S. A., ENGLAND, AND IRELAND, FRANCE, and a few stallions in ARGENTINA, AND AUSTRALIA.

**PRECOCITY.** Other things being equal, precocity is a considerable advantage in stallions. It is of most importance in the U. S. A., where two year old racing is emphasized. The greater the premium on two year old form, the more weight should be given to precocity. About 90% of the successful stallions in U. S. A. were very high class two year olds.

**SPEED.** It is almost axiomatic that to be a successful sire in U. S. A. a horse must have first class speed. Horses which have not shown first class form over short courses succeed so rarely as stallions in U. S. A. that the breeder should be satisfied beyond any doubt as to the horse's speed capacity before using him as a stallion. First class form as a two year old is a guaranty of good speed.

**STAMINA.**—Horses of first class speed but lacking in stamina are better sire prospects than horses of first class stamina without speed. Late maturing cup horses, without speed rarely make good sires. It is the rare horse that has both demonstrated speed and stamina of a high order, and it is this small group from which the best Thoroughbred stallions have come.

If a breeder is tempted to experiment with a horse of extreme speed, but lacking in stamina, it is far safer to choose a horse having a pedigree with ample stamina. Both BULL DOG and ROMAN are examples of this type.

**CONSTITUTION.** However good a horse may be, he is of little use if he is so frail or washy that he cannot stand much racing. The demands of racing in U. S. A. require a horse that is robust and tough. Washy, delicate horses should not be used as stallions.

**SOUNDNESS.** Horses of extreme speed put a great deal more strain upon their feet, joints, and tendons than do plodders. Hence very fast horses are far more likely to break down horse of extreme speed as a sire, great care should be taken in choosing a horse that is as sound as possible, and coming from strains of blood which are also sound.

**TEMPERAMENT.** In general, high class stayers are more notional, opinionated, and high strung than sprinters. It is hard to find a high class stayer, as distinguished from an out and out plodder, which is not full of "electricity." The Fair Play strain in the U. S. A. are known to be of this kind. Its presence gives some assurance of the capacity to transmit high quality.

Horses which are merely surly, sour, and stubborn should be avoided as they frequently transmit these traits without any compensating advantages.

**PEDIGREE.** There is very little practical use in studying pedigrees beyond the third generation, as the studies of the geneticists have shown. Pedigrees can be usefully analyzed as to (1) racing class of ancestors, (2) their breeding class, and (3) the degree of inbreeding.

Pedigree is about as important as the racing class and individuality of a horse. There have been great stallions which have been great race horses, and fine individuals, but which had poor pedigrees. But these animals are rare. Between 1900 and 1940, there were 109 stallions tried in the U. S. A. which had little to recommend them in their pedigrees. Of these 109, only 3 were successful.

In judging a pedigree great emphasis should be put upon the mares, as compared to the stallions. The reason for this is simple: If we take a scale with 100 as top and 0 as bottom, we use as stallions in the main only those horses between 99 and 100; while we use mares from 100 down to about 10. The chance for poor animals appearing in a pedigree is, therefore, many times greater in the case of females than it is in the case of males.

In fact, the stallions of moderate or poor performances on the turf which have made "surprise" successes at stud, such as BULL DOG, HIGH TIME, and CHICLE, nearly all have females in their pedigrees in the first two generations of altogether exceptional racing and breeding merit. If, for financial reasons or otherwise, a breeder cannot patronize the best proved stallions, these horses with female ancestors of exceptional class hold out the best chance for success.

The breeding class of mares is, of course, of paramount importance. However, analysis of hundreds of pedigrees has shown that the racing class of these mares is also of great importance in estimating a prospective stallion's chances at stud.

**INBREEDING:** There is still a strong body of opinion which professes to believe that inbreeding is the surest avenue to success, and therefore prefers inbred stallions. The facts do not support this view. Any extensive tabulation, correlating inbreeding with the success or failure of horses at stud, will show that, given a group of stallions of more or less equal racing class such as classic winners, the percentage of success increases about in proportion to the degree the horses are outbred.

## Early American Thoroughbreds

### The Newspaper And The Thoroughbred Go Hand In Hand; The Spread Of News In 1832 Enhanced The Popularity Of Thoroughbreds

By Neil C. Collins

The breeding, training, advertising and racing of the thoroughbred horse is today one of America's largest industries.

This great national asset has cost millions of dollars to develop. Endless time, trouble, patience and tenacity has been culled from the field of human endeavor for over a period of nearly four hundred years to bring this industry to fruition.

This endeavor has been directed along intelligent, well-defined lines of breeding and cross-breeding to bring the horse, so that it might best serve the needs of man, from a fourteen hand high Arab pony up to the beautiful, well-developed, satin-coated horse—the embodiment of speed, grace and stamina—that we see on our racing and trotting tracks today. The process has been slow, but it has been as sure as that of the proverbial acorn and oak, and America and American sportsmen have contributed to an enormous extent to the development of this classic animal.

Up through the years the evolution of the thoroughbred horse has stepped along side by side with the development of the newspaper, and both great enterprises have contributed in paramount fashion to each others popularity as events in the young America took root, until today both have become colossal, gargantuan projects out of which have developed, one in keeping with the other, spot news features of sporting events, endless books and publications on the equine industry in all

its phases, and so on.

Formal racing began in America in the year 1665 on a rough and ready course at Hempstead, Long Island, but it was decades later before any printed chronicle of racing was recorded.

As a matter of fact, the first inkling we get about the days of Colonial racing was in 1725, when the New York Gazette was founded.

From this date forward for well over a century we have only scattered records of racing events, and these records were mostly printed from word of mouth information, personal letters, etc.

Let us first glance at some dates in the development of the newspaper itself, then we will be in a better position to see what our sporting chroniclers of that period were up against.

It is indeed a far cry from the days up in Boston in 1690 when Benjamin Harris—sometimes called the father of the American newspaper industry—issued from a Boston coffeehouse a one-sheet weekly pamphlet on the current events of the period. Ben called his brainchild "Public Occurrences". After the first edition went to press, the then Governor of Boston got word of it and he promptly suppressed the paper, and after one edition Ben's bold venture was relegated to the confines of the editorialists waste-paper basket.

In Colonial days, the British never encouraged the printing, the collect- Continued on Page Fifteen

### THE BELVIDERE HOUNDS



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# Steeplechase Notes

The last important steeplechase of the Pimlico meeting was the Manly Steeplechase Handicap on Wednesday, November 28. It rained the night before steadily and hard. It rained Wednesday morning and afternoon. The course was deep, pasture deep. Mercator and Elkridge carried top weight of 153 pounds; Floating Isle, 151; Rouge Dragon, 150; Caddie, 144; War Battle, 142; Burma Road, 139; Greek Flag, 138; Pursuit Plane, 132; and Beneksar, the lowest of 130. They came into the paddock in rain sheets; into their stalls; jockeys were put up, their colors bright and clean. And out into the grey sheet of rain, down the track in single file and on to the infield, to the far end of it. The start did not take long. Better to be in front today and let the hind ones take the mud. War Battle was there the 1st turn of the field, with Mercator and Rouge Dragon following. Pursuit Plane and Elkridge and Burma Road ran behind them and Caddie far back. War Battle tired. Rouge Dragon lost his rider and Pursuit Plane came on to lead over the 15th jump. Beneksar moved up to 3rd position, passing Floating Isle, down at the 12th fence. She jumped the next fence queerly and Jockey Riles thought she had broken her leg and pulled up. Caddie came on to the leaders, Pursuit Plane and Burma Road, and challenged them strongly, but the going was too deep and tired and Greek Flag passed him at the last jump. Pursuit Plane drew away and finished the race with 5 lengths to spare to Burma Road. A good 12 lengths back was Greek Flag with Caddie behind him and Mercator 5th, his weight against him. Back they came, covered with mud, not a clean horse or rider among them, and C. M. Kline's Pursuit Plane, the only jumping son of \*Challenger II, entered the winner's circle.

Tuesday's steeplechase was a claiming race with a good sized field of 10 at the post. M. R. Jones' General Day started well in front of the field, but Gala Reigh passed him by 4 lengths over the eighth jump and went on to the 12 with J. C. Montana's Little Sammie close behind him. He fell still in front at the final jump, leaving a clear way for Little Sammie, which won with ease 20 lengths ahead of A. C. Paciello's MaMie's Lad. L. H. Nelles' Danny Deever came in 3rd and General Day a poor 4th.

Three days later MaMie's Lad gave a much better accounting of himself. Six horses started in the last race of the Pimlico meeting. Mrs. A. B. Letellier's Gala Reigh had a lead of 5 lengths in front of the Club House and a lead of 50 lengths on the far turn of the back stretch. But MaMie's Lad made it up and passed him at the stretch to finish 2 1/2 lengths in front. J. Bosley's Meeting House came in far back with Danny Deever following. Four horses finished as T. T. Mott's Bridlespur was eased up and Mrs. M. Heidt's

## Jacopo Will Stand At Blue Ridge Stud For 1947 Breeding Season

The stallion ranks of Virginia will be augmented by the sire of winners of \$1,100,000, \*Jacopo, a brown horse foaled in 1928 by Sansovina—Black Ray, by Black Jester.

Now standing at Arthur B. Hancock's Claiborne Stud in Paris, Kentucky, \*Jacopo was purchased from Mr. Hancock and Marshall Field by Kenneth Gilpin, Mrs. George L. Harrison and Howell E. Jackson. He entered the stud in 1933 and has sired the stakes winners Cocopet, Jacola, Robert Morris, Damaged Goods, Jacques, Sir Raleigh, Francesco and Up the Hill in this country. He also sired the stakes winner Dixiana in France and Jacowink, Sansalvo and Cinque-Cento, stakes winners in England.

His popularity as a sire is easily understood when at the recent Keeneland Fall Sales, 4 of his weanlings brought prices to average \$7,000 each. Mr. Gilpin bought one, a bay filly by \*Jacopo—Gentle Tryst, by \*Sir Gallahad III for \$7,000.

\*Jacopo will stand at Claiborne Stud for the 1946 season and then will be brought to Mrs. Harrison's Blue Ridge Stud near Upperville, Virginia for the 1947 season.

### Sintrarch Sold

At the recent Chicago Horse Show, Ted Mohlman had an entry in Sintrarch. During the show, Mrs. Elizabeth Correll of Scarsdale, New York added this hunter to her stable.

Forest Ranger lost his rider early in the race—JWB.

### Summaries

**Tuesday, November 27**  
Two mi., 'chase, 3 & up, cl. Purse, \$3,300; net value to winner: \$1,850; 2nd: \$800; 3rd: \$400; 4th: \$250. Winner: B. g. (5), by Sammie—Little Charming, by Sun Charming. Trainer: J. T. Skinner. Time: 4:05 1-5.  
1. Little Sammie, (J. C. Montana), 150, E. Roberts.  
2. MaMie's Lad, (A. C. Paciello), 139, W. Owen.  
3. Danny Deever, (F. H. Nelles), 146, S. O'Neill.  
Ten started; also ran (order of finish): M. R. Jones' General Day, 134, F. Passmore; Mrs. M. Heidt's Forest Ranger, 138, R. Miller; J. Stuart's Rice Cake, 143, S. Riles; T. T. Mott's Bridlespur, 141, D. Banks; Mrs. N. L. Brower's Bowling Lady, 135, W. Brown; fell: Mrs. A. B. Letellier's Gala Reigh, 141, H. Cruz (18); fell: J. Grabowsky's Greenwich Time, 137, F. Adams (1). Won driving by 20; place same by 5; show same by 1/2. 15 jumps. Scratched: Fieldfare, Still-A-Goin.

**Wednesday, November 28**  
Manly 'Chase 'Cap, 2 1/2 mi., 4 & up. Purse, \$10,000 added; net value to winner: \$9,675; 2nd: \$1,500; 3rd: \$1,000; 4th: \$500. Winner: B. g. (5), by \*Challenger II—\*Bay Tree, by Hurstwood. Trainer: M. H. Dixon. Time: 5:25 2-5.  
1. Pursuit Plane, (C. M. Kline), 132, S. O'Neill.  
2. Burma Road, (Mrs. E. duP. Weir), 139, J. Magee.  
3. Greek Flag, (Brookmeade Stable), 138, W. Owen.  
Ten started; also ran (order of finish): Rokeby Stables' Caddie, 144, E. Roberts; W. H. Lipscomb's Mercator, 153, W. Leonard; K. Miller's War Battle, 142, D. Banks; K. Miller's Elkridge, 153, F. Adams; bolted: Mrs. A. B. Letellier's Beneksar, 130, S. Riles (16); lost rider: M. A. Cushman's Rouge Dragon, 150, F. Passmore (13); fell: T. T. Mott's Floating Isle, 151, H. Cruz (12) Won driving by 5; place same by 12; show same by 4. 48 jumps. Scratched: Navigate.

**Friday, November 30**  
Two and 1/4 mi., 'chase, 4 & up, cl. Purse, \$3,300; net value to winner: \$1,850; 2nd: \$800; 3rd: \$400; 4th: \$250. Winner: B. g. (8), by Ladkin—MaMie, by Black Toney. Trainer: A. White. Time: 4:55.  
1. MaMie's Lad, (A. J. Paciello), 141, W. Owen.  
2. Gala Reigh, (Mrs. A. B. Letellier), 137, F. Passmore.  
3. Meeting House, (J. Bosley, Jr.), 133, S. Riles.  
Six started; also ran (order of finish): F. H. Nelles' Danny Deever, 147, S. O'Neill; Mrs. M. Heidt's Forest Ranger, 133, V. Haines (7). Won driving by 2 1/2; place same by 50; show same by 15. 18 jumps. Scratched: Ugly Duckling, Rice Cake, Bowling Lady.

## Breeding Notes

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Howard Lewis of Pennsylvania, bred Little Sammy, who won the steeplechase of the day. This makes his 3rd straight victory. He was claimed by Mrs. C. E. Adams for \$2,250. In the 5th race G. Ring's Ringstown, bred by A. S. Hewitt, won by 2 lengths. At Oaklawn Park, Isadore Bleber of Maryland, bred the victor of the 5th, Sam, by Action—Little Woman, by \*Wrack.

The Pimlico Paddock Sale was not a distinct success, due probably to not enough advertising. Quite a few horses were bid in. Only 5 hit the thousand dollar mark and the price was \$13,000 for Mrs. A. J. Abel's Gramp's Image, sold because his trainer, Mrs. Abel's husband, was not well. He is a chestnut colt, 1941, by War Hero—Treasury Key. War Hero is by Man o'War and Gramp's Image was named because of his striking resemblance to his grandsire. He seems like a pretty good investment for Howard M. Stack as when a 3-year-old, he won 4 races including the Chesapeake Stakes, placed 3 times, finished 4th in the Preakness and earned \$32,550. He won his last 2 starts at Pimlico and is eligible for all Maryland-bred races.

On Thursday at Pimlico, Win-Sue Farms' Pentagon won the 1st race. He was bred by the Howe Stable of New York. B. F. Lister, Rhode Island, bred Silver Tower, which won the 2nd race, and Preston M. Burch whose home address is Garden City, Long Island, and who trains for Brookmeade Stable, bred the win-

ners of the 3rd and 5th races. Both horses were bred in Maryland and both by \*Challenger II. Galladare, full sister to Gallorette, won the allowance race for 2-year-old fillies and C. M. Kline's Pursuit Plane won the Manly Steeplechase Handicap. A versatile sire. The day was wet and the track and turf deep. \*Challenger II, himself, was a mudder.

Lady Toddle, bred by Mrs. Merrill MacNeille of Maryland, won the 2nd race at Oaklawn Park and High Master, bred by Audley Farm of Berryville, Virginia, took the 2nd. George D. Widener of Chestnut Hill, Pennsylvania bred Marltown, which won the 4th race and J. E. Widener of Elkins Park, Pennsylvania, bred Batik, which won the last race at the Fair Grounds, New Orleans.

Northcliff Farm of the Melville Churchs', Rixeyville, Virginia have just received a shipment of mares and weanlings from Kentucky. They are a brown mare, Lotus Flower by Whichone—Waterblossom, by Waterboy. Waterblossom is the dam of 8 winners, and her 9th foal, Ship of War, by Man o'War is the dam of Dauber with a brown weanling colt by Ladysman and is bred back; a bay mare, Noticing, by Transmute—Drollery, she by \*Chicle-Fun, by Peter Pan. Noticing has a chestnut weanling filly, by Ladysman and is bred back to Ladysman. The 3rd mare is Brown Gold, by Nocturnal—Keene Lady, by American Ace. Keene Lady was the winner of 15 races and the producer of winners. She also has a weanling, a very handsome brown colt and our pick of the lot, by Ladysman and is bred back to him. The 4th mare is by Continued on Page Twelve

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## Profile of a Horseman

By Artful

(Continued from last week.)

Andy didn't let much grass grow under his feet. He rode his first mount in this country straight into the winner's circle. That was back in the days of Brighton Beach. Astride Bassiano, in a two mile hurdle event, he defeated Jim Murphy, ridden by Morris Donovan. Blakely was on his way up—and going places fast. The following day he bought Bassiano, "and", he recalled, "Bassiano became the top hurdle horse in America for the following three years."

Mounts came plentiful but Andy preferred to ride for his own account. About the only outside rides he ever accepted were for Howard Lewis and Ed Corrigan. The career and anecdotes in the life of Ed Corrigan would make fascinating reading. Andy has plenty of them tucked away in his scrapbook of memories. "Mr. Corrigan, in his time, was supposed to be the toughest man to work for in America," recalled Andy, "but", he added, with a smile, "I got the biggest salary ever paid to a jumping rider." He wouldn't tell me how much, no matter how I heckled him. "He was also the only man in this country who would jump his top notch horses," continued Blakely. He wouldn't pull any punches at all. He even sent Cicero, a Derby horse through the field. Cicero was only defeated a head in the Washington Park and Garfield Park Derbies. Royally bred, he was by Longfellow out of Belle Knight, and was full brother to Freeland.

Green B. Morris, Preston Burch's uncle, often said that Cicero was the best jumper he ever saddled. "I believe," said Andy, "he was one of the best ever to jump in this country." And Andy's seen many of them up and down the line.

Blakely settled himself somewhat uncomfortably on a table. A twinkle came into his eyes, as he looked far back into the past. "I remember one year we shipped Cicero to Frisco," he began. "We were seven nights and six days on the train, and we were four abreast in a Burton car. Traveling in those days was no bed of roses. We landed in Frisco on a Friday, and walked fourteen miles to the Bay District track." Andy grinned as he continued. "When we got in, I found a wire from Ed Corrigan. He said to run Cicero the next day irregardless of conditions. I breezed him that same afternoon at 3 o'clock. He won it too." Yes—it took a tough horse and a tough man to stick with the game in those days.

There were eight jumping stakes run out on the Coast that winter and Cicero won seven of them. He had a temperature of 102 2-5 the only time he was defeated. He was competing against Ballarat too—a top notch fencer belonging to Mayor Nolan of Saratoga Springs.

There came another gleam in Andy's eyes. "This is going to be a good one," I thought to myself. "You know," he said, "that year, Jimmie Rowe and Jack Chinn (Phill's father) were in the judges stand. Cicero was winning all his races by a pretty narrow margin, and winning in hand. So Jack Chinn wrote to Ed Corrigan. He said in the letter that I was just getting under the wire by heads and necks—that it looked like I was trying to get the horse beat. He also suggested that it might be a good idea to send out an honest jock. Corrigan's reply came in no time flat. He wired back—"honest jocks are all dead—Blakely is good enough for me". Later, Ed Corrigan enlarged on that statement, with his usual humor. "If I'm going to be cheated," he said, "I want an artist to do it."

"I won twelve out of fourteen races on the son of Longfellow", recalled Andy, "but I never had to pull a whip on him". But Mr. Blakely didn't confine himself solely to riding Cicero that winter. He campaigned a few horses for his own account and did pretty well with them too.

Just before the turn of the century, Blakely went with R. H. Davis. It was in 1899 to be exact, and he remained there for about 15 years. The best horse he even trained for Mr. Davis was Master Robert. As a matter of fact, Andy added, "he was the best I ever saddled. He was a natural born stayer, and could run as far as horses go. At one time he held the record for two miles and a quarter. "Although Master Robert was the best stayer I ever trained", continued Andy, "I think Master Charlie was the fastest".

When Blakely left Mr. Davis, he went with Tom Shaw. The name of Tom Shaw was a byword in those days. Still is—in the annals of the turf. You'll often see him now sitting in Ed Bradley's box at Belmont—exchanging recollection as old friends will. I can still see them, as they stood together on Saratoga mornings, not so long ago. They would be on the old judges stand watching the works—and making bets about the weather.

Andy Blakely remained with Tom Shaw for about 14 years. Each season Tom would buy 15 or 20 yearlings, and always had a pretty big string in training. Although Master Charlie was outstanding among the Shaw horses, Justice F. was another who could hold his own with the best of them.

Master Charlie was a bay horse foaled in 1922 by Lord Archer. Out of twelve starts, he won 7 races, was once second and once third. I believe he went wrong as a four year old. In all, he accounted for \$95,525 and believe me that wasn't tin in those days for they weren't

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## Racing Headlines

### Changes In New York Racing Imminent With Retirement Of Two Track Officials Likely

By John Field

Before another New York racing season rolls around there will be more than a few changes affecting the future of the sport in the area which long has been referred to as "the head and shoulders of the sport in America". Racing is meant, of course, by the use of the specific article, as to followers of the thoroughbred there is only one sport.

The strong possibility exists that there will be two new track presidents in the Metropolitan area. There is an outside chance there will be three. Empire City seems almost certain to be headed by James Butler. The young man, third of the name, recently has been mustered out of the service, and by his admirers is considered of a rank and calibre with the youthful Alfred Gwynne Vanderbilt who once headed two major racetracks, and who at the moment is biding his time as to future moves.

Possibly the best known name in American racing today is Matt Winn, —or "Colonel" Matt Winn to those more formally inclined. The change at Empire is by no means a reflection on the doughty Kentuckian who is so far past eighty that he soon may be referred to as a nonagenarian. Indeed the warmest wishes of all in the sport go to Col. Winn that he will round out the century!

The Kentucky Derby is job enough for one man, and those close to Colonel Winn know that he was willing to act during war days out of devotion to his old friend, the first James Butler who originally headed Empire City in the early years of this century. That man was the grandfather of the present James Butler. The second James Butler was killed just before the war in a riding accident on his estate in Westchester shortly after he had been elected to membership in the Jockey Club. His untimely death left a vacancy which Col. Winn graciously and efficiently filled until the third James Butler should have finished his duty to his country.

The other change is likely to mark the retirement of another veteran, Dr. Edward P. Kilroe, head of Jamaica. Dr. Kilroe will probably become Chairman of the Board at the course which recently was purchased by the four other New York tracks. Each of those tracks now is represented

by a director on the Jamaica Board of Directors and there is speculation as to the successor of the able Doctor who left his vocation to become one of the stalwarts in New York racing for almost thirty years.

Best guesses as to the new head of Jamaica are John A. Morris, stockbroker and also secretary-treasurer of the Saratoga Association; and Louie A. Beard, representative of the Whitney interests and a director of numerous racing enterprises both on the breeding side as well as the competitive side. Morris is the son of Alfred Hennen Morris, long a steward of the Jockey Club, and his colors have been up for years in the Saratoga Stable. Before his death the late George Bull was a partner in the Saratoga Stable.

Major Beard was a noted polo player in the years following World War 1 when he formed an enduring friendship with Harry Payne Whitney, father of C. V. Whitney. Major Beard in the intervening years has had wide and broadening experience in the fields of horse breeding, farm management and finance, and recently was tendered a testimonial dinner by the Thoroughbred Club of America.

On the whole the New York situation is due for many other changes, but the two named above are expected to have far-reaching repercussions. Among critics it has long been asserted that Aqueduct "should be scrapped", presumably on the basis that this Metropolitan course is the one where most crowding occurs in these high pressure days. But President T. J. Knapp has said nothing along this line, nor has John Shevlin, the General Manager. Wiseacres were quick to predict that Aqueduct, because it has a substantial "Whitney investment" would be disposed of and replaced by Greentree Park.

Greentree Park is a name that the future doubtless will see fixed in the racing firmament, but it is by no means sure that it will be at the expense of Aqueduct. Moreover Greentree Park is almost certainly not

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# Editorials

## A FIRST CLASS RACING EXECUTIVE

With the ending of Maryland's historic joint meeting at the Pimlico in which Laurel, Bowie, Havre de Grace and Pimlico combined probably for the last time to furnish 35 days of racing, one person came out with colors flying and that was Mr. Harry A. Parr III, President of the Maryland Jockey Club. This meeting as joint meetings must always be, was replete with problems that had to be straightened in order to have the necessary organization and smooth running efficiency between 4 different racing associations. There was no problem, however, which could not be ironed out smoothly with the cooperation of the other members of Maryland's sporting brotherhood of which there is none better.

Certain events proved Mr. Parr's very real leadership and executive ability in this meeting as well as his devotion to the best interests of sport. He gives unstintingly of his time for the best interests of the meeting, arriving early at the track and staying until long after the last car has left the enclosure. Due to this constant attention to the details of his meeting he was able to furnish racing which satisfied owners, trainers, riders and the public, all of which at first glance might seem to be an impossible and superhuman task.

One of the reasons the majority of tracks do not card steeplechasing events is on account of the large number of complications which chasing invariably brings with it. Jumps, turf, stalls, insufficient horses, insufficient riders, the complication of carding races with conditions that will suit a wide variety of horses and a comparatively few number of possible starters. Mr. Parr not only tackled this problem, but put 'chasing over in a way that left no complaint among the interested parties. Specifically with the able assistance of Edward J. Brennan, and Racing Secretary Charles J. McLennan 'chasing interests were given first choice on stalls; jumps were built in a sensible fashion, high enough and big enough for a horse to have to jump over and not try to hurl himself through, the turf was in excellent condition, and that takes infinite care in order that holes, washes, and bad puddles won't develop which may seem insignificant to a casual observer, but to the experienced eye of rider or trainer are known to be enough to break a horse's leg when going at speed.

Insufficient riders threatened to impair the success of his chasing program in the middle of the meeting. With only 7 good riders to draw from, in one of his \$10,000 jumping stakes, it seemed a difficult impasse. Mr. Parr promptly split the stake and offered a second \$10,000 event in order that owners would have the benefit of the best riders and no horse would be handicapped by inexperience. He next raised jockey fees in order to encourage more boys, a step which has been recognized as being necessary and helpful but which no one before Mr. Parr appeared to take sufficiently serious to implement. It takes a good many years to make good riders, they just cannot be shaken out of every bush, and the only way new boys are going to be developed, is to go after them and make racing worth their while.

The Maryland Jockey Club enjoys one of the oldest traditions of the turf. Since colonial times, Marylanders have been raising thoroughbred horses to race and the whole state is full of the annals of sport. From the hunting field and show ring, youngsters have always

sallied forth to take their place among the ranks of America's leading sportsmen. The state has been the backbone of the timber race for many years, their juvenile shows and encouragement to boys and girls to come hunting has been an outstanding example. Mr. Parr, by his attention to all of the traditions which have made Maryland so well known in sport, the insistence on consideration for the jumping horse because they are hard to come by and harder to keep racing, his handling of the doping charges by ordering steel entrances to stalls in order that trainers could have some means to protect themselves, all of these things show the hand of a brilliant executive and a great sportsman. The Maryland Jockey Club has laid a good course on which true sportsmen can set their sights.

## MR. STEWART'S FOREWORD

Editor's Note: Mr. Plunket Stewart's fine expression of greeting to the members of the recognized hunts in the Roster Issue is reprinted here in full as a printing error in the text changed the word "friends" to France and completely altered the meaning of the 4th paragraph.

Mr. Stacy B. Lloyd, Jr., publisher of The Chronicle, has asked me as President of the Masters of Foxhounds Association, to write a foreword to this issue, which contains the Roster of hunts.

Before complying with the request, may I take this opportunity to send our greetings and best wishes to all of our gallant members who are returning from abroad, and to those still abroad, whom we will hope to see home within the very near future.

For the first time in four years, the foxhunting season has started in peace time, and never before has Thanksgiving Day, which occurred last Thursday, November 22nd, meant more to each one of us. I cannot help but feel that as the years pass by the realization will become clearer, and more profound that we were much closer to subjugation than we now think, and that what actually saved us was that gallant and invincible stand of our British cousins at the crucial and critical time.

No matter what intense sympathy we feel for friends, whose dear ones have paid the supreme sacrifice, we know life must go on, with all its many ramifications, and that foxhunting, like all other sports, must carry on.

It is but natural that we, who are the devotees of the noble sport, should stop and ponder and give thought as to how plans can be made for its future welfare. This we know would be the wish of those gallant boys who loved the sport, and who lie at peace somewhere in Europe and the Pacific area.

There are many with whom I have talked who are fearful and predict a gloomy future for the sport. I, for one, am optimistic, and feel that the same courage and determination, which instilled those who kept the sport alive during the war, will not be found lacking during this post war period.

So often in life one is apt to overlook the duties near at hand, and feel overpowered by a theoretical objective, which may never develop in one's sphere of influence. Therefore, if each and every Master, will do his best to carry on the sport in his territory, no matter how simply, foxhunting in its entirety will flourish.

In the past our sport has been more or less regarded as a rich man's pastime, but more lately this impression has diminished, and the belief is growing that it is a sport which not only develops courage and manliness, but is an important factor in our economic life, inasmuch as it creates employment, a market for the produce of farmers, and enhances the market price of land.

It is rarely recalled that out of the 48 states in the Union, organized foxhunting is conducted in 27 which indicates the sport is not confined to certain localities, but is widespread throughout the country.

Recently there has been a good deal of propaganda against the fox and the theory has been advanced that he is the chief offender among the predators, doing damage not only to poultry but to small game as well, but I know in Pennsylvania, my home state, this accusation has not been proved.

It is true that in Pennsylvania the Game Commission has recently placed a bounty on foxes in all counties with exception of Chester and Delaware, where they are already protected by law. This action seems to have been brought about by political pressure, headed by the gunning fraternity and certain organizations with fanatical leanings against foxhunting.

In making this decision, I cannot help but feel that this move was unwise, in view of the fact that the landowners, without whose consent, no foxhunting or gunning are possible, seem to regard this action as dictation from outsiders and resent it. There is a possibility therefore that land, which has heretofore been open to the gunning fraternity might now be closed.

Personally, I have always thought, and still hold to the same opinion, that foxhunting and gunning can and should go along successfully together, and that all of us in each group, should work in cooperation and with due respect for each other's point of view.

On Friday, January 25, 1946 our annual meeting and dinner will take place in New York, and as President of your Association I strongly urge that as many of our members as possible be on hand to celebrate the reunion of all our members.

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## Breeding Notes

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\*Masked Marvel II and has a bay filly with her by Tetrose and is bred back as is the mare by \*Carlalis, whose brown weanling colt is by the same sire. They also have at the farm the mares, Angelus Tempo, by \*Pharamond II—Bel Tempo, half-sister to the dam of Alabama and Revoked and in foal to Pilate and with a weanling by Okapi; Crows Feet, by Man o'War—Scribble, by Ultimus in foal to Roman; and Camera Shy, by Granville—Cinema, by Sweep, with a weanling filly by \*Quatre Bras II. \*Galla, by Sir Gallahad III (about whom we have spoken) is there too, sent on from Kentucky some time ago. A new stable is being built for them and at present they are housed in various corners, stalls and sheds.

Three Maryland-breds accounted for races on Thursday at Pimlico, Rough Honey in the 1st race, bred by Mrs. J. Y. Christmas; Maryknoll in the 2nd, bred by Mrs. J. V. Stewart; and Exploration in the last, bred by A. G. Vanderbilt. He also bred the winner of the 2nd race at the Fair Grounds, L. O. Handley's Cherriko. Mrs. W. W. Vaughn of New Jersey bred the winner of the 7th race at Pimlico, Rlar Red. G. D. Widener of Pennsylvania bred Double Back, which won the 5th race at Oaklawn Park and Mrs. Marion duPont Scott, the winner of the 6th, Mt. Desert Stable's Baruna. Also a Maryland-bred, Feeling High, bred by Mrs. E. C. Bosley, finished in front in the 2nd race at Oaklawn Park.

Australia's racing has been restricted to this year, due to the shortage of fodder. There are hopes now that it may be lifted shortly.

Despite the Jersey Act, Americans continue to import thoroughbreds. Recently Col. Jock Whitney purchased three 3-year-old fillies in the Argentine to augment the "foundation dams" in his Greentree Stud. He is also bringing Shine and her yearling sister, by Hyperion from England, where he bred them. S. D. Riddle bought a brown yearling colt, Radiate, by Hyperion, at the Newmarket Sales also to augment his stud. Hyperion is again this season the leading sire in England. His brother, \*Hyperionion stands at the North Wales Stud, Warrenton, Virginia.

Stymie, which ended his racing season in a blaze of glory by winning the Pimlico Cup Handicap in deep mud the last day of the Pimlico meeting has returned to J. T. Skinner's stable and Middleburg to settle down for the winter just like any other horse. He has no blanket and as soon as he gets his racing shoes off, he is going out in a paddock and roll in the mud. Local interest waxes high and people phone for permission to look at the best handicap horse of 1945.

Maine Chance Farm's Colony Boy won the Walden Stakes on Friday. It seems they keep on winning regardless of who trains 'em.

Two Virginia-bred horses finished the Pimlico season in the winner's circle, Snob Tourist, bred by R. H. Schlesinger, in the 1st race and MaMie's Lad, bred by William Ziegler, Jr., in the steeplechase. The 2nd race carded was won by Refresh, bred by F. A. Bonsal, Jr., of Mary-

land. M. B. Goff of Pennsylvania bred and owned the winner of the allowance race of 1 1-8 miles for 3-year-olds and upwards, Skytracer, a bay son of Flares. At Oaklawn Park, R. W. Atha's Marcella K. won the 3rd race. She was bred by Allen M. Hirsh of New Jersey.

Now that Pimlico has ended its season, stables are shipping out to all parts of the country. The horses racing under the colors of John Marsch, the man from Chicago, have been sent to winter quarters at Louisville. The final shipment of Calumet Farm has gone to Hialeah. Morris Weller's horses will be stabled at Tropical Park. W. L. Brann's stable has gone to Aiken, South Carolina for the winter. Kent Miller has taken the 'chasers, Elkridge and War Battle to Camden.

We move in spirit to the sun and warm winds of Gulfstream Park and its first day of the 40 day meeting, Saturday, December 1. Audley Farm of Virginia bred the winner of the opening race, Mrs. R. B. Berini's Our Boss, a chestnut gelding by \*Strolling Player. At Oaklawn Park, C. Graham's Marltown, bred by G. D. Widener of Pennsylvania, won his 3rd straight victory in the 5th race. At Charles Town, West Virginia, the Maryland-bred Lyned's Lad, bred by E. G. Hackney, won the 5th race and Grey Prince, bred by A. A. Anthony of Virginia won the 6th.

Hoop Jr.'s book is full. Shut Out's first foal is out of a saddle mare (she was used as a test mare). Several breeders are interested in getting By Jimminy and we shall be interested to see where he goes. We know. By Jimminy, 1941 by \*Pharamond II—Buginarug, by Blue Larkspur arrived at North Wales Stud, Warrenton, Virginia on Sunday, December 2. \*Bahram goes to South America and \*Jacopa stands at Mrs. Harrison's Blue Ridge Farm in 1947.

George P. Mahoney, the man who so earnestly desires to keep racing a sport, seems to have trod upon a hornet's nest. Racing will take care of its own, and the Maryland Horsemen's Protective Association threatens to boycott racing in Maryland next year unless the Maryland Racing Commission drastically changes its rules, whereby a trainer is automatically suspended for not less than 1 year before there is any actual evidence against him and before he is granted a hearing. The New York State Racing Commission is also uncooperative to the Maryland Racing Commission, stating that beginning about November 15, Chief Chemist C. E. Morgan reported the saliva specimens from Maryland appeared to be mostly water and that 8 specimens of saliva shipped to it on November 14 had all been "taken from farm horses, and not from any horses that were rac-

ing in Maryland." And they stated quite bluntly that they were too busy to be bothered with such meaningless specimens and did not wish any part of future ones, all of which doesn't help racing.

Long years ago racing was the "sport of kings" and in this country it became a sport also, a contest among horsemen. Owners raced against each other for fun and with the idea of may the best horse win. There are a few of the old guard left racing today and among them is Mrs. F. Ambrose Clark. Racing depends upon her and others like her to keep it a sport and prevent it from becoming a racket. She races steeplechasers for the fun of it and part of the fun is to beat her husband who also has 'chasers. Neither she nor her trainer, "Dolly Byers" bet. And they are badly needed now to uphold the "sport of kings" and commoners.

JWB

## Goldens Bridge Hounds

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stuck to the line and we jumped a big Red along an old broken-down wall on Miss Bessie Ryder's farm which they ran over Dingle Ridge and back to Golf Course; then back over Dingle Ridge Road into a small swamp below Earl Ross' house where 2 foxes broke out, one crossing Dingle Ridge Road, over 8 Bells and a few hounds crossing back to Golf Course. By the time we caught up with the main pack they were marking their fox in a ledge in Merry's wood. This was an excellent day for watching good hound work in the high wind, but we were very lucky in having the fox confine his running most of the time out of the wind and sticking to the swamps and woodlands and running on top of the stone walls.

Saturday, November 24th:

A fine clear day greeted the large field as we gathered at Rock Ridge Farm; the temperature was 14 de-

grees early in the morning but it warmed up by the time hounds moved off. We jumped the wall leading out of the field where vans were parked and within 5 minutes after moving off, hounds picked up a line along the edge of von Gal swamp on Rock Ridge side of wall and in next brush lot, hounds opened up in full cry, ran over Gilbert Lobdell's and crossed concrete road into Stuart Bates' pastureland. As we hesitated a moment to see which way the pack would swing, a large Red crossed Hardscrabble Road in view of the field but after a minute we realized this was a fresh fox or the vixen which our pursued visitor had been calling on. Hounds streamed over Red Shield on through Hunting House Hill, and at lower end of Fields' Lane fox ran road for about 1-2 mile where the pack needed a little help in tracking Reynard along the dirt road where it left and ran through the large apple orchards of Mr. S. M. Salinger; then West to Route 22, a very heavily travelled highway where fox swam the Croton River and this was too deep and swift for the field to follow. The fox apparently ran the tracks of the N. Y. Central R. R. Harlem Division and as many trains would soon be along we called off to save hounds from being caught in the rock cut where they were trying hard and we were headed for a rough section to keep with the hounds. This one was a visitor to our section. We hacked back to where we had viewed the other fox and in first covert we cast the same fox was viewed away over Wendell Cowles' and this one proved an even better chase and over our best country. We ran over Salem Center section and crossed over the nice open fields of John Meldrum's at least 8 times, finally crossing dirt road near Salem Acres and ran West to Harry I. Caesar's farm where fox went to safety in a ledge of rock. This run lasted 2 1-2 hours and it seems every day the foxes are staying out longer. This was a day that will make good fireside chatter when the winter snows compel us to hang up our tack.



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# ACTIVITIES AT SOUTHERN PINES



Virginia Franks receiving the blue ribbon from Mrs. Dwight W. Wilkelman in the class for children's horsemanship. The event was the Thanksgiving Day Horse Show at Southern Pines Country Club, Southern Pines, North Carolina.



Busy people for the classes at the Southern Pines show were Dwight W. Winkelman and Mrs. Daryl Parshall, judges for the event.

## HARMONY



Robert P. Mage's Harmony and Melody have been winning the blues in Western New York horse shows during the past three years. Mr. Mage's sister-in-law shows these horses and is pictured above on Harmony.

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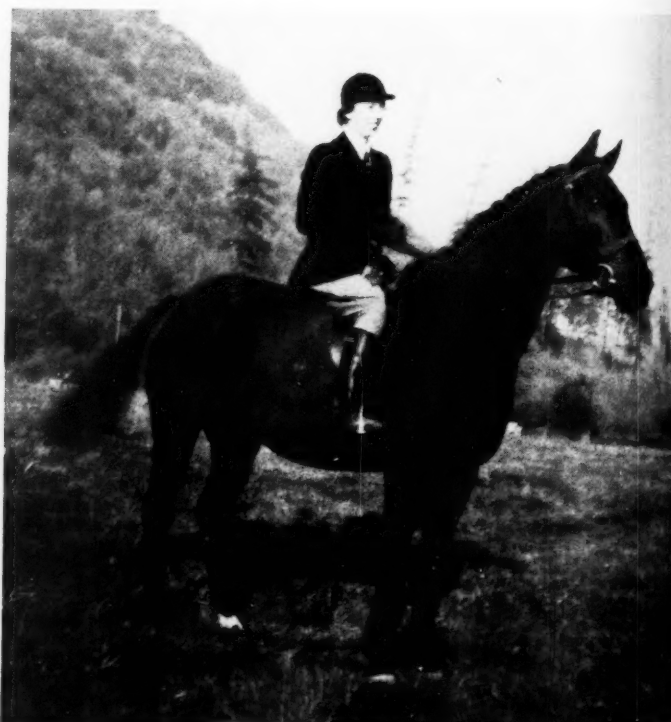
The J. Wesley Edels of Ellicott City, Maryland are owners and riders around the show ring. For the 2nd time since they became horse show enthusiasts, their Grey Simon has been named the champion hunter of the State of Maryland. Grey Simon is shown here with Mrs. Edel up at the 1943 Maryland Hunter Show.

(Photo by Freudy).

## OSWEGO HUNTERS



Charlotte Montag and Gallant Duke, owned by the Columbia Hunt Club, annexed 4 blues at the Lake Oswego Hunt Club's horse show and hunter trials. The events were held on October 12 and 13 at Portland, Oregon.



Mrs. John Osborn and Gearhart at the show. Gearhart won the hunter and handy hunters classes and was 2nd in 4 other events.

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## Gasoline Rationing Produces Rider Of Jumper Champion

By Theodore E. Buell

Competing against top fencers from New York, Boston and way stations, Peggy Johnson, astride Hutchinson's Farm's 4-year-old grey gelding, Peg's Pride, won the jumper championship at the 1st annual Shrine Horse Show at Providence, Rhode Island, November 16-18, after a remarkably consistent and outstanding 3-day performance. Reserve rosette went to Glenn Bounce, Harry Good's spotted gelding from Greater Boston with the veteran and popular Blondie Moran riding.

The hunter division comprized a closely contested series of classes which finally saw the tri-colored stripes go to that well-known campaigner of Mimi deBaubigny, the ch. g. Warrior. By a half-point, Mr. and Mrs. Francis Gleason's grey mare, Tar Haven, was reserve over Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Hale's stellar performer, True Mark.

The Warrior and True Mark are, of course, by-words in the history of Eastern shows, just as Tar Haven has been outstanding in her New England competitions, but there is an interesting story behind Peg's Pride and more especially the mare's rider.

Peggy Johnson, a New Rochelle girl who had captured 4 championships and 3 reserves before coming to the finest of all New England shows, was a swimming star and sailing enthusiast until gasoline rationing prevented her customary daily excursions to the beach. Having seen groups of riders pass her home from the nearby stable of the noted Joe Vanerio, Peggy tried out this new sport 18 months ago and, when Mr. Vanerio went to Maryland, transferred her activities to Teddy Gussenhoven's stable.

Noting the girl's speedy progress as a new rider, Mr. Gussenhoven soon put her up on his bay gelding, The Wolf, not exactly an ideal horse on which to learn but Peggy was equal to her assignment and when her tutor bought a new horse, called Personality, last Spring her renamed the mare Peg's Pride and started the pair at local shows.

At Providence, Peg's Pride survived a one-two jump off with the affable Johnny Cornell on Fay Kenney's Charlie McCarthy to take the open jumper class at the initial performance of the 3-day show. Before a large Saturday matinee crowd the New Rochelle jumper this time beat Glenn Bounce in a jumpoff. That evening Pride didn't even have a clean performance in the knock-down-and-out, but more glory was awaiting the young horse and rider on the final day.

The rafters resounded countless times in the late afternoon as, for over an hour, nearly a dozen leapers competed in the thrilling Sky-scraper class arranged by Manager Earl Whelden. Starting at 4'-6", the class still had 5 entries at 5'-6" and all cleared 6'-0". However when the jumps reached 6'-4", the three horses faulted. With four inches less on the bars for a re-jump, the results were Charlie McCarthy, 1st; Peg's Pride, 2nd; Russell Stewart's My Play Girl, 3rd with Pine Wood Stable's Irish Laddie, eliminated at 5'-6", 4th.

So thrilling was this class that the Shrine Special, Sunday evening, another Whelden special with clean

performances counting 6, 8 and 10 points at 4'-0", 4'-6" and 6'-0", respectively, suffered by comparison but still packed plenty of punch and had spectators on edge. The grey jumped off with Glenn Bounce and won. Glenn Bounce took the stake after a three-horse jumpoff.

The Warrior won the model class and Sweet Marie, owned and shown by Virginia Burke, was rated tops among a fine class of green hunters. This nice-going mare, by Adams Express out of a \*Light Brigade mare, was champion at Fairhaven, Massachusetts recently, and placed 2nd in the Shrine Show hack class but was not a threat in the championship competition. Warrior took the lightweight hunter event, after having been erroneously entered as a middleweight and went on to win the hunter stake in which a dozen good mounts performed. Carol Gussenhoven rode Warrior and did a splendid job on the popular campaigner, since Miss deBaubigny was busy working saddle horses during the show.

B-B, owned by Mr. and Mrs. E. O. Wilson, won the lightweight working hunter class over Sweet Marie while True Mark, whose owner turned over all his cash winnings to the horse show fund, was adjudged the best middle and heavyweight hunter in both working and conformation classes.

The Shrine Horse Show, held in the Armory of Mounted Commands at Providence, was the effort of Earl Whelden Jr. as manager, his father being show chairman for Palestine Temple of the Shrine, proceeds going to the Crippled Children's Hospital Fund. In addition to a round of social events, the show committee and manager left no stone unturned to present features that go towards making up an ideal horse show. It was an exhibitors' affair from start to finish with good stabling and every attention being given owners.

Jack Spratt of Westbury, L. I. judged hunters; John J. Evans of Gardner, Massachusetts and E. Thompson Steen of Providence, jumpers. Mr. Evans handled the horsemanship classes and pinned Miss Johnson 1st in the ASPCA horsemanship event. The writer announced and Clarence Craven and Arthur Maguire shared the ringmaster's responsibilities.

### Summaries

Model hunters—1. Warrior, Mimi deBaubigny; 2. Magic Luck, B. E. Bowen; 3. Tar Haven, Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Gleason; 4. Broom Heath, Katharine Winslip.

Green hunters—1. Sweet Marie, Virginia Burke; 2. Carambler, Rose Coleman; 3. B-B, Mr. and Mrs. E. O. Wilson; 4. Gray Mouse, Weld Stock Farm.

Lightweight working hunters—1. B-B, Mr. and Mrs. E. O. Wilson; 2. Sweet Marie, Virginia Burke; 3. Red Tape, Smith Stables; 4. Jean, C. W. Fleming.

Open jumping—1. Peg's Pride, Hutchinson's Farms; 2. Charlie McCarthy, Fay Kenney; 3. Glenn Bounce, Harry Good; 4. Beclady, Leo Boyle.

Hunter hack—1. Tar Haven, Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Gleason; 2. Sweet Marie, Virginia Burke; 3. Loose Manners, Anthony Alpher; 4. Warrior, Mimi deBaubigny.

ASPCA horsemanship event—1. Peggy Johnson; 2. Janet Rinke; 3. Carol Hall; 4. Ann Marie Schult; 5. Nan Murphy; 6. Ellen Smith. Touch and out—1. Peg's Pride, Hutchinson's Farms; 2. Glenn Bounce, Harry Good; 3. Irish Laddie, Pine Wood Stables; 4. Beclady, Leo Boyle.

Middle and heavyweight working hunters—1. True Mark, J. A. Hale; 2. Tar Haven, Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Gleason; 3. Gray Mouse, Weld Stock Farm.

Middle and heavyweight hunters—1. True Mark, J. A. Hale; 2. Northern Light, E. W. Beane; 3. Gray Mouse, Weld Stock Farm; 4. Tar Haven, Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Gleason.

Children's hunters—1. Cocaine, Rockrest Farm; 2. Gray Mouse, Weld Stock Farm; 3. Peg's Pride, Hutchinson's Farms; 4. Mata Hari, Dana Hall.

Knock-down-and-out—1. General, George F. Austin, Jr.; 2. Bar Maid, Weld Stock Farm; 3. The Wolf, Mrs. T. F. Gussenhoven; 4. Chipmunk, Pine Wood Stables.

Junior jumping—1. Patricia Flynn; 2. Peggy Johnson; 3. Carol Hall; 4. Peggy Johnson; 5. Jill Hoswell; 6. Patricia Flynn.

Ladies' hunters—1. Tar Haven, Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Gleason; 2. True Mark, J. A. Hale; 3. Northern Light, E. W. Beane; 4. Loose Manners, Anthony Alpher.

Sky-scraper jumpers—1. Charlie McCarthy, Fay Kenney; 2. Peg's Pride, Hutchinson's Farms; 3. My Play Girl, Russell Stewart; 4. Irish Laddie, Pine Wood Stables.

Lightweight hunters—1. Warrior, Mimi deBaubigny; 2. Broom Heath, Katharine Winslip; 3. B-B, Mr. and Mrs. E. O. Wilson; 4. Red Tape, Smith Stables.

The Shrine Special—1. Peg's Pride, Hutchinson's Farms; 2. Glenn Bounce, Harry Good; 3. Bar Maid, Weld Stock Farm; 4. The Wolf, Mrs. T. F. Gussenhoven.

Hunter stake—1. Warrior, Mimi deBaubigny; 2. True Mark, J. A. Hale; 3. Tar Haven, Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Gleason; 4. B-B, Mr. and Mrs. E. O. Wilson; 5. Carambler, Rose Coleman; 6. Loose Manners, Anthony Alpher.

Jumping stake—1. Glenn Bounce, Harry Good; 2. Charlie McCarthy, Fay Kenney; 3. General, George F. Austin, Jr.; 4. Peg's Pride, Hutchinson's Farms; 5. Chipmunk, Pine Wood Stables; 6. Bar Maid, Weld Stock Farm.

Champion hunter—Warrior, Mimi deBaubigny. Reserve—Tar Haven, Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Gleason.

Champion jumper—Peg's Pride, Hutchinson's Farms. Reserve—Glenn Bounce, Harry Good.

## Early Thoroughbreds

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ing of the circulating of news in the Colonies. Such procedure was frowned on, and the chief-magistrates always found some excuse to restrain the efforts of the news-vender.

As time went on the liberty-loving Bostonians whose ancestors had flocked from the British Isles to the New World in search of justice and truth, were getting bold and venturesome. Their efforts were altogether not confined to scattering tea-leaves all over the harbor. They also did a little nose-thumbing at the pompous Governor.

Fourteen years after Ben Harris had given up the ghost, in 1704, an enterprising postman by the name of John Campbell, brought out under the nose of the haughty law-maker a pamphlet called the Boston Newsletter. After much ado John's paper prospered and kept going to press for fifteen years, and hit the all-time high for that period of sales totaling three hundred copies per edition.

By hook or by crook John Campbell, with the tenacity of his Scotch

ancestors, kept his little paper going, and in this way he lighted a spark that was to fan into flame an industry that was destined to revolutionize many fields of endeavor in the young America.

This embryonic pamphlet gained for John Campbell the honor of being the first vender of news in America.

When the forward march of events caught up with John's little paper, it got lost in the maelstrom of forward trends moving steadily to make a great new world, but the seed was well sown and it nurtured in the fertile brains of the pioneers.

The presses used were of the hand variety, but nevertheless they served their purposes for the time being.

Transportation was primitive, roads were bad, towns were far apart and consequently the news was late and stale, but it got there.

The people were so busy trying to take advantage of every opportunity to build their new country up that they had little time left to delve into channels of sport and pleasure, but they came in their own good time.

After the War of Independence the newspaper business as well as the horse-breeding industry perked up, and this perking up reached its peak in or around the year 1832 when the color-less pre-Revolution English type newspaper began to take form and American expression.

Then came the steam press and this metamorphosis further enhanced the speed of news delivery and its ultimate popularity.

Horse racing became popular with the spread of news but there were still innumerable handicaps to be overcome before things could run on anything like an even keel.

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Magazines devoted to sport, and particularly to the sport of horse racing and breeding began to appear on the literary market.

Then came the Civil War and a temporary set-back for both industries. The scarcity of money at that period became the greatest impediment to progress, but with the blood of the pioneers running in the veins of the up and coming generation, obstacles were overcome.

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## Remount Service Should Be Moved To Office Of Under Secretary Of War

By "Hark Forrard"

Not long ago I had occasion to visit the office of the Chief of Remount in Washington. Although the war had been over several weeks, I was still required to stop for an identification badge and given what seemed like pretty explicit directions as to how to reach my destination. I counted the number of corridors, but, when I reached what should have been the correct one, found that it was labelled "Services and Installations-Laundry." Back I went, a quarter of a mile, still got the same directions and ended up at the same place. This time I persevered, walked down the corridor and found that I was really in the right place after all.

The Division of Services and Installations is no place for the Remount Service. So placed it is so far down the line in the Army hierarchy that a host of officials has to o. k. every minor move. As a practical matter this means that it is most difficult to get any thing done and the Service has suffered accordingly.

The proper place for the Remount is in the office of the Under Secretary of War. This office was set up and functions for the express purpose of planning, expediting, and encouraging our peacetime economy to prepare itself for conversion in wartime. The functions of the Remount Service fit exactly into this field.

The Remount Service is charged with a dual function. The first is to supply the dogs, mules and horses required by the Army. It is on the basis of this function, that it is placed in the Division of Services and Installations. Its second function is the Remount Breeding Plan. The purpose of this plan is to provide a supply of horses, in civilian hands, that will be available for conversion to Army purposes in time of war. It is this function that fits exactly into the jurisdiction of the office of the Under Secretary of War. It has also come to be much the more important part of the Remount's work.

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An additional reason for this transfer is the desirability of coordinating with the other nations of the world in horse matters. Horses play a major part in the economic and military lives of most nations. For example, horses and mules are an essential part of the military establishments of our South American neighbors. There are only two countries in the Western Hemisphere producing horses on a large scale—the United States and Argentina. The other countries must turn to one or the other for breeding stock and experience. Certainly we are not going to sit calmly by and watch them turn to Argentina, not while the present regime is in power, at any rate. The tasks of international coordination can obviously be better handled from the Under Secretary's office than at the laundry level.

Operational control only would be transferred to the Under Secretary. Administrative control would remain where it belongs, in the Office of the Quartermaster General as at present.

To the outsider, the matter of operational control may seem a minor matter, a tempest in a teapot. Those who have given the matter close study, however, feel convinced that it is vital to the whole future of the Remount Service. A recommendation to this effect is not before the Secretary of War. In your own interests we urge you to use every possible contact to procure favorable action on the proposal.

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## Notes From Great Britain

By J. Fairfax-Blakeborough

### First English Hunting Fixtures Since War's End Marked By Little Of Former Fanfare

We promised ourselves that the first peace November would be greeted with a cheering parade of scarlet and white as of yore, and that "opening meets" would again find "the glad throng that goes laughing along" emerging from country lanes from all points of the compass. The time has not yet come for this, and the first fixtures of the regular season were attended by little of the panoply and gaiety, the pomp and circumstance, which were always there's in peace-time. Hunting has not yet got into anything like full swing, and sometimes one wonders if it ever will do so in the smaller provincial countries. There is no denying the fact that the red coat means a lot to hunting in more ways than one. Jorrocks went so far as to say that a lot of those who turned out in scarlet wouldn't hunt if they had to come out in black. As for the silk hat, I've a ways hated riding in one, even more than I disliked riding in a "tin hat" in the first world war. Certainly a silk-hat looks "the thing" in the Shires, but even so, it is just about as senseless a head-gear as was ever invented, and especially to hunt in on a windy day, in woodlands, and where there are hairy fences—indeed anywhere at anytime! My own "topper" had had to do duty at weddings, funerals and other ceremonial occasions, as well as for hunting with such packs as I did not feel I could wear the velvet Hunt cap, which is so much more comfortable, and so much more looks the part. I am in full agreement with the writer in "The Chronicle" who recently said, when speaking of the future of foxhunting in the States:

One of the first steps is to remove the high hat—a relic of the early nineteenth century when all England did everything in a high hat—coaching, fishing, shooting, drinking. Indeed, it was impossible to find a man in England without a top-hat on. With our propensity to ape England, we brought these damn high hats into our United States life. Let's put them out in the next salvage drive for the unclothed Polynesians, Abyssinians, or what not.

One of the early hunting poets

laid it down:  
Buckskins the only wear fit for the saddle,  
Hats for Hyde Park, but a cap for the chase.  
Whilst Egerton Warburton was even more emphatic:  
They may think in a cap little wisdom there dwells;  
They may say he who wears it should wear it with bells;  
But when broad-brim lies flat  
I will answer him pat  
Oh, who but a crackskull would ride in a hat.

I remember once asking the late Mr. Penn C. Sherbrooke, when he was in the middle of his most successful Mastership of the Sinnington, if he had any objection to me wearing a velvet cap when hunting with him. He replied "I have no objection to you coming out in your great-grand-mother's green dressing-gown, so long as you come. As for the velvet cap, I think it the only really comfortable headgear for hunting. It is a recent, and quite erroneous idea, that a cap is permissible only to a Master of Hounds and his hunt staff".

### The Hunter Trade

Dealers have been disappointed at the hunter trade. The fact of the matter is that peace has not brought back as early as was expected the young men and maidens who have so long been looking forward to resuming their hunting field friendships, their riding, and all the fun the winter sport brings. The tardiness of demobilization is having a serious effect on every aspect of industry, life, and sport. Instead of hundreds putting in an appearance at the recent "opening meets" of hounds, there has been only a score or so with many packs. So is it that the expected demand for

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# Grass Roots



## Numerous Reasons Figure In Making Decision Between Horse And Tractor Power; Horses Always Good Investment

By A. Mackay-Smith

Sometime during the next twelve months you are probably going to be able to buy the tractor that you pestered the Rationing Board about all through the war—unless strikes hold up the program of the farm machinery companies. But now that you can get it, should you? The whole farm picture is going to change very rapidly during the next two years. It won't be long before we shall again be familiar with lower prices, a probable surplus in many lines and a much easier labor situation. Your tractor should have a life of ten years at least and you will therefore have to decide what form of farm power will suit you best from 1946 to 1956.

In spite of what the tractor salesman may tell you, the decision is not a simple one. There are many factors on which it should be based, some of which are as follows:

1. Adaptability of the farm
  - a. Size of the farm
  - b. Type of soil
  - c. Topography of the land
  - d. Fertility of the soil (importance of manure)
  - e. Type of agriculture
  - f. Need for flexible power
2. The preference of the operator for a given combination of power and machinery and his ability to utilize it
3. Available labor
4. Initial investment and financing
5. Comparative fuel and feed prices
6. Cost of repairs and depreciation
7. Need for belt power; possibilities for custom work
8. The animal disease problem
9. Need for overload capacity (horses have a tremendous reserve)
10. Sports, amusement and educational value of the horse
11. Possibilities for more leisure or expansion with a tractor

Quite a few things to consider, aren't there? However, farming is just that—never a black and white decision, always a balancing of conflicting interests. Probably the most important is the preference of the individual farmer. If he likes a grease gun and a monkey wrench there is no use talking horses to him. But if he is a stockman at heart, and our readers are pretty much just that, he may be able to resist the blandishments of the tractor companies and their minions. The type of farm is, of course, fundamental. If it is small, if the land is rough and the soil heavy and wet, if it is poorly drained you prob-

ably don't need a tractor. Some of our very best grass land has a limestone outcrop that makes it hard to work mechanically. If the soil is short of humus, horse manure is important. If you have a dry land wheat farm you don't want horses, but if you have sheep and cattle horses fit in naturally with them. Equine Encephalomyelitis and Periodic Ophthalmia were serious objections to horse power. Fortunately they have both been conquered and it looks as though Influenza would shortly be added to the list. Disease should not be much of a problem from now on.

The main battle between horse and tractor interests has always centered round the economic field. Initial costs, repairs, depreciation, fuel costs, labor rates have all been gone over (and quite properly) time and time again. Most of our agricultural economists begin too far down the line, however. When we speak of comparative costs the place to start is with how many acres of wheat it will take to buy a tractor and keep it running. A farmer's wealth is the produce of his land. It can produce horse feed and foals, it cannot always produce cash—and the filling station operators don't seem to take much interest in a case of eggs or a ton of hay when it comes time to pay the monthly bills.

Iowa and Illinois have made comparative studies between the relative cost of horse and tractor power. In Iowa the gross income per acre was \$.19 greater for horse than for tractor farms and the operating costs \$.72 less, a difference of \$.91 an acre in favor of the horse farm or a total of \$127.00 a farm. In Illinois the difference in cash outlay was \$166.00 in favor of the horse farmer, or \$1660.00 over a ten year period.

The fun of having a horse that will give a pleasant cross country ride on Sunday, as well as doing his share of the work during the week, is a very tangible item. The tractor salesman talk a lot about the increased time available for recrea-

## Profile Of A Horseman

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hanging out the fat purses of our lush era.

After severing connections with Tom Shaw, Andy went to work for the Laurel Park Stud. It was owned by an English concern. One of the stockholders was Mr. J. K. Ralston. They were mainly interested in training and selling the horses and did not race to any great extent.

It was in 1930 that Mr. Blakely decided to go on his own again. Since then he has nearly always had a few campaigners in training. This fall however, he took over the Long-champs Farm horses. Since Sept. 15 he has won seven races for Mr. Lustig.

Andy has been watching them come and go down through the years. The great—the near great, and those who never knew fame.

"Who was the best you ever saw", I queried. "Man o' War", he replied instantly. I also believe Exterminator, Sarazan, and Grey Lag were three of the greatest I've ever seen. But they couldn't touch Big Red. I never saw another horse with such a powerful stride. "Regret", he continued, "is my choice for the greatest filly. In winning the Derby she accomplished something no other filly has ever done". "The best mare I ever saddled," added Blakely was Mary Davis. She won the California Oaks in 1909."

Trainers come and go across the racing horizon. Some rocket to fame and sink as suddenly into obscurity. Others will be remembered when the Turfs last records are written. Andy Blakely is in the latter category.

## Great Britain

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hunters has not been realised. It is confidently believed that it will come, and that there will be a much greater revival of hunting than some of the pessimists would have us hope. In the meantime the unfortunate breeder and dealer is having to hold the equine baby, as some

tion which a tractor makes possible, but not many of them suggest that you take your girl out for a Sunday ride on the Model H. The lessons in close observation and self control that go with working horses are among the most valuable in life, no matter what your eventual vocation may be.

Before you let your farm machinery dealer fill your tractor order—think again. Farm horses are selling very near the bottom to-day. An investment in them now may mean all the difference between red and black ink in your farm accounts for the next few years.

of them have done for five years. Whether there will be the high prices paid for horses which many imagined, (and which will be necessary if those who are keeping them are to recoup their outlay), is another matter. Certainly the old landowning class will not have the money to buy expensive horses, and it is not likely that we will for some years have wealthy Americans coming over here to hunt on English horses for which they have paid from £200 to £500. Indeed America has gone in for hunter breeding on very practical lines, and has now no need to buy from either England or Ireland. Some years ago a number of Cleveland Bay stallions were imported by American breeders, and these, crossed with thoroughbred and other mares, have given them as good hunters as they could get anywhere. I was interested to read last week in a report of a New York Horse Show:

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# In the Country



## Back To Hunting

J. Byron Hilliard, well known fox-hunter-point-to-pointer-steeplechaser in the Tennessee-Kentucky country, returned from his last overseas assignment in the Pacific to his Harrods Creek home near Louisville. Major Hilliard was well known in Ohio-Kentucky polo circles when the late Ed Maddon held forth. Major Hilliard rode in the inaugural running of the Iroquois Memorial Steeplechase, he rode Big Bird, which has had 4 runnings in Nashville, Tennessee, and was active as an owner-rider up until the time he entered the service and went overseas with pilot rating in 1943. He was in Africa and Italy and after 18 months in the Mediterranean, he returned to join up with the 315th Wing of the B-29's which devastated Japan. Baylor Hickman, well known turf owner-trainer, has a hunter for the Major who intends to get some hunting with the Iroquois Hunt and Polo Club near Lexington, Kentucky of which Edward F. Spears and W. F. Pursley are Joint-M. F. H.'s, and the Hillsboro Hounds near Nashville, Tennessee of which Mason Houghland is M. F. H., during his 45 days detached service prior to his terminal leave commencing in January. With 168 points, he seems destined for discharge from the Army Air-Forces, and has his mind set already in rebuilding his Harrods Creek stable.

## Back From The E. T. O.

"Jack" Bradley joined his wife, the former Gay Wright, recently returned from the E. T. O. where he served with the A. E. F. Captain Bradley, (nephew of E. R. Bradley), and Mrs. Bradley, he well known in California-Colorado polo circles drove west, stopping off in Denver and Colorado Springs. His father's thoroughbred breeding interests are inactive in Colorado now, but his unique mountain resort home still is a focal point for the Bradley family and their friends during the summer. It is located near the famed gold mining center of Cripple Creek, on the old Stage Road over which four-horse wagons once drew gold to the mills in Colorado Springs. The Bradleys will post-war in California.

## Benson With P. D. C.

Major Milton Benson of New Hope, Pennsylvania in civilian days, just laid aside his AAF uniform. Major Benson was with the AAF Personnel Distribution Command Headquarters in Louisville, Kentucky, which redistributes, revitalizes and separates AAF personnel. He is well known in the foxhunting, horse show hunter world.

## Jockey—Motorman—Owner

Arthur Kent was riding races in England and France 50 years ago and at the age of 19 was up on Amphion, one of England's top steeplechasers of the Eighties when he won his last race and was retired to stud. His jockey came to America in 1905 and is now guiding a trolley car between the Navy Yard and Olney Avenue in Philadelphia but he still has time for horses. Out in back of the Kent yard, according to a story in the Philadelphia Inquirer are 9 thoroughbreds including Sea Time, by Happy Time—Sea Bass, she the granddaughter of Man o'War; Sun Fourth by Sun Chamer out of Flash Sun Bourne by Sun Chamer—Honey. After 23 years of trolleying, Arthur Kent finds time between his shifts to get to his horses and has high hopes for his three year old Sea Time on the track.

## Renovating

During the war years the colorful racing at Saratoga had to be discontinued and many opinions were advanced as to whether or not the end of the war would find the resumption of the sport at that track. Fastig-Tipton always held the yearling sales at Saratoga and in anticipation of a 1946 racing season there, the company is doing quite a bit of renovating and painting at its plant. The stalls and sales ring are having a thorough going over and should the curtain come up next summer, everything will be in readiness for the annual yearling sales at Saratoga.

## Irish Subscriber

From W. Plunket Stewart, President of the Masters of Foxhounds Association and M. F. H. of Mr. Stewart's Cheshire Hounds, comes a subscription for Major Dermot McCalmont, Kilkenny, Ireland. Maj. McCalmont, is a prominent sportsman in Ireland and owns Tetrach, Tetra-tema and Mr. Windsor, the three famous grey stallions.

## Wrong Owner And Rider

In the story of the Chicago Horse Show the Virginia-bred Clifton's Storm was shown as being entered by Harvey Firestone and ridden throughout the show by Mrs. Paul B. Magnuson. Clifton's Storm was purchased from Dr. L. M. Allen in 1941 by Raymond C. Firestone of Memphis, Tennessee and is still owned by him. He was ridden in an amateur class by Mrs. Magnuson due to Mr. Firestone's absence but J. A. Lodsdon rode him during the rest of the show with the exception of the ladies' class when Mrs. Louis B. Swift was up.

## No Replacements

J. D. McKinnon of Kinwold Stables, Elmira, New York, invaded the Virginia and Maryland show rings this fall and left the Warrenton Horse Show with the reserve 3-year-old champion of Virginia pinned from his stable in Speakeasy. On to Maryland Hunter Show the outstanding win of this youngster was the green hunter stake. In his string was the well known Pappy, which has been in the winning light this season. Both of these horses were

advertised for sale and purchased by Rolling Rock Farm, Ligonier, Pennsylvania. Their former owner, Bates Davidson, his manager and Horace Moffett previous owner of Speakeasy, were on the look out last week for 2-year-olds but it was back to Elmira with an empty van.

## Sold

Mrs. Austin duPont came to Middleburg for the National Field Trials and left with a new horse for her stable, Mrs. Crompton Smith's Mowgli, that exceptional performer in Point-to-Points. To the Ballou Stock Farm at Millington, Maryland went the youngster, Rolling Water.

## For The Lack Of A Hat

The weatherman is no respecter of fox hunting people and Taylor Hardin of Upperville, Virginia can prove it. The other day when he was out with Piedmont Fox Hounds, his horse submerged him in the creek. With the temperature not exactly inviting a creek bath, Taylor was to say the least, dripping when he came up for air and a bit on the cool side. Spying his hat floating merrily down the creek, he offered a colored man \$5.00 to retrieve it but the cold, clear water put an end to that deal. Not to be daunted in his endeavor, Taylor put on a chase of his own for the hat and rejoined the field after its successful capture.

## Returning

Quite a lot of news can be gathered from changes in address which come to the attention of the circulation department. In last week was a change for Lt. G. H. Bostwick, back to Westbury, Long Island. Now returning from the Philippines, Lt. "Pete" Bostwick is one of the best

known horsemen in the sport and will be a welcome figure in the field again.

## Steeplechasers

Before the racing ban was lifted last Spring, spectators were many around Middleburg when schooling day arrived. Everyone had a chance to watch the steeplechasers being prepped for the hoped for season. Pimlico drew the curtain on the 1945 steeplechasing last Friday and the horses are getting back to their home ground for the winter months. Next Spring the schooling season won't be so long, the tracks will be open and the favorites at the post.

## In Glamour

T. V. Rochelle of High Point, North Carolina sent a clipping from the December issue of Glamour. It didn't show the bridles, saddles, martingales, shoes or blankets which will be a "must" but it did mention The Chronicle as a contact for a young girl who wishes to become a trainer.

## Ladies And Side Saddles

It will take some fox hunting to best or even equal the run which the field enjoyed with Piedmont Fox Hounds last Tuesday, the 27th. A 12-mile point from R. S. Clark's at Upperville, to within sight of W. A. Phillips' near Middleburg. About 40 were on hand when hounds hit the line and the field took on the appearance of an overgrown steeplechase entry list. The pace narrowed the field and at the finish, only 5 were present and three of them were ladies on side saddles, Mrs. Howell Jackson, Mrs. H. E. Talbot and Mrs. C. O. Iselin.

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# Final Thoroughbred Sales Of This Season Held At Pimlico

The final 1945 sale of Thoroughbreds under the management of Maryland Horse Breeders' Association was held at the Pimlico Paddock, Pimlico, Maryland, November 27.

Twenty-eight head were sold under the hammer and topping all prices was Mrs. A. J. Abel's Gramps Image, a 4-year-old chestnut colt by War Hero—Treasury Key, by \*Master Charlie. Winner of his last two races at the Pimlico meeting, Gramps Image was purchased by J. F. Patterson, agent for Howard M. Stack of New York.

Retiring temporarily from the racing scene because of the ill health of her husband who trains the horses, Mrs. Abel also sold Dot A., a 2-year-old bay filly by Glastonbury-Treasury Key, by \*Master Charlie. William J. Meyers of Baltimore made the highest bid of \$2,400 for the filly.

The Maryland Horse Breeders' Association has successfully held two sales this fall, one during the Maryland Hunter Show and the second one also at the Pimlico Paddock.

## SUMMARIES

Property of W. U. Ridenour  
Sereness, ch. f., 1942, by Bobby Sweep—Tobacco, by Blondin; Harry Jones... \$ 200

Property of Basil Hall  
Rose Barker, ch. f., 1941, by Sir Herbert Barker—Trojan Miss, by Trojan; E. T. Price... \$ 250

Property of Dr. J. Fred Adams  
A Daisy, ch. f., 1941, by Rehoboth—Daisy Picker, by J. Fred A.; Harry Jones... \$ 125

Property of Lawrence P. Boyce  
Puglist, b. g., 1940, by Brevity—Vagrant, by Man o'War; Judy Johnson... \$ 375

Property of B. Frank Christmas  
Ghosts, br. m., 1938, by Cavalcade—Devil's Garden, by Colin; W. J. Jones... \$ 800

Property of J. W. Y. Martin  
Inducted, b. g., 1942, by Canter—Scarlet Belle, by Pillory; J. B. Hatfield... \$ 1,550

Property of H. L. Straus  
Signet, b. f., 1943, by Identify—Miss Mared, by \*St. Germans; Joseph Cagney... \$ 300

Property of Mrs. Van Lear Black  
Air Star, b. f., 1943, by Airflame—Play Star, by \*Star of Gold; D. C. Wright—Weanling filly by Count Morse—Play Star, by \*Star of Gold; Charles S. Moses... \$ 500

Property of Robert Stallard  
Today's Petee, b. g., 1941, by Petee—Wrack—Today Con, by Constitution; H. S. Finney, agent... \$ 200

Property of S. M. Pistorio  
Yearling colt, by Eternal Bull—Harriweista, by Zacaweista; W. I. Jones... \$ 1,500

Property of Jack Welch  
Attune, b. f., 1940, by Aneroid—True Tune, by \*Dis Donc; V. G. Mara... \$ 450

Property of John Bosley, Jr.  
Sir Bluesteel, gr. g., 1936, by \*Sir Greysteel—Peeping Star, by Sir Martin; Gordon Pearce... \$ 350

Meeting House, b. g., 1935, by \*Sun Charmer—Policy, by \*Toddington; Gordon Pearce... 225

Flemar, ch. g., 1935, by Koodoo—Majorie Fleming, by Midway; Gordon Pearce... 350

Uncle Ol, blk. g., 1941, by Zacaweista—Conservancy, by \*Blink II; Gordon Pearce... 300

Alken, b. g., 1940, by Halcyon—Chickie, by \*Chicle; Gordon Pearce... 400

Property of Mrs. A. J. Abel  
Dot A., b. f., 1943, by Glastonbury—Treasury Key, by \*Master Charlie; William J. Meyers... \$ 2,400

Property of Mapleton Stud  
Sun Tip, b. g., 1941, by Sun Circle—Flip Tip, by Hendrie; George Toomey... \$ 100

Property of Dr. P. A. Rothfuss  
Char Foot, dk. b. g., 1942, by Charing Cross—Ella M., by \*Vulcan; E. W. Lord... \$ 725

Property of Hugo R. Hoffmann  
The General, ch. f., 1936 (¾ Thoroughbred); George Toomey... \$ 525

Property of L. B. Shepard  
Precept, b. m., 1931, by Supremus—\*Sceptical, by Buchan; C. R. Allen... \$ 450

Property of B. Frank Christmas  
High Blue, br. m., 1927, by High Time—Blue Jeans, by Helmet; C. R. Richards... \$ 150

Property of Howard Bruce  
Aylesbury, J. W. Etheridge... \$ 1,100

Property of Brookfield Farms  
Boston Beau, b. c., 1942, by Bostonian—Beach Talk, by Sundridge; R. N. Kennedy... \$ 300

## Racing Headlines

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going to rise on the Flushing meadows adjacent to the old World's Fair grounds as that site was deemed untenable both as to area, and because so much of it was land requiring "fill" that would have proved very costly.

John Hay Whitney, and Cornelius Vanderbilt Whitney, both Colonels, and both distinguished in the recent conflict, will play a major part in the changes in New York racing. The Widener family interest, once so heavy in New York, is being allowed to lapse. George Widener assumed the Presidency at Belmont Park, more or less against his will and as a favor to the Westchester Racing Association directorate. This was following the resignation of Mr. Vanderbilt who served so bravely in the Navy in the Pacific.

Mr. Vanderbilt's re-entry into the New York racing picture is likely to be concurrent with the attitude of the famous Whitney cousins, as was the case when he assumed the Presidency of Belmont Park. In Baltimore Mr. Vanderbilt has shown his former warm and vigorous interest in racing by daily attendance at Pimlico where Harry Parr III has carried on in his absence.

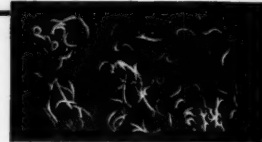
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the fact that such powerful young men, all on the sunny side of forty, as the two Whitneys, Butler and Vanderbilt, are as strongly interested as ever. It is only natural that they should take over where their elders have so capably carried on. All have their colors up at the present time with the exception of Mr. Butler who may re-enter the sport as an owner in 1946. His grandfather's stud was a worthy one, and the racing stable held its own with many far better known. Those days are likely to come again.

Among other important names prominent in discussion in and about New York at the present moment are Lieut. Edward Kilroe, son of the doctor, and a Navy hero who entered the service when an officer at Aqueduct; Mr. Shevlin, the present General Manager who formerly was Secretary of the Racing Commission; and Clifford McCartney, an officer at Jamaica before he went to join the Coast Guard. The service men now are back, and in the re-shuffle of the New York situation the names of these men are under discussion.

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